

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK BY FRENCH

SALARY INCREASES AT
CITY LIBRARY WILL TAKE
EFFECT JANUARY 1

For some time past there has been talk of salary increases at the city library and at a meeting of the library trustees some time ago a committee consisting of Dr. John T. Donohue of the board of trustees and Librarian Frederick A. Chase was appointed to study the situation in other cities and suggest a classification of service and

an automatic system of salary increases for Lowell. The committee made a report at the last meeting of the board of trustees and the system re-classification was adopted, to go into effect the first of the year. Speaking on the matter this morning, Librarian Chase said that the

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VONBERNSTORFF
TALKS ON PEACE

Makes Statement After
Conferring With Sec.
Lansing

No Discussion on Action
in Sending Proposal
Without Comment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing today seeking information of the attitude of the United States toward the peace proposals of the central powers, to discuss the general subject of peace from this government's viewpoint and

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FRENCH TAKE
9000 GERMANS

Great Victory for Gen.
Nivelle on the Verdun
Front

Further Successes for
Teutonic Forces in
Rumania

Momentarily the western front is again the centre of attention with the French victory at Verdun occupying the chief place in the war news. Gen. Nivelle's stroke has brought the French back, according to their reports, nearly to the line they occupied when the Germans began their great drive

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H. MUNSTERBERG
DIED SUDDENLY

Distinguished Psycholo-
gist Dropped Dead at
Radcliffe

Regarded as Spokesman
for Germans in New
England

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 16.—Hugo Munsterberg, distinguished psychologist, author and professor of psychology and director of the psychological laboratory of Harvard university, died suddenly in a class room at Radcliffe college today. Prof. Munsterberg had begun a lecture on elementary psychology before 60 young women who had as-

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WILL ACT ON FIRST
STREET EXTENSION

There will be a meeting of the county commissioners at the court house next Monday at 10 a. m. to take action on the matter of the extension of First street and the construction of a state highway through Indian Orchard. Preliminary proposals from the state authorities were read at Friday's meeting of the municipal council, but final ac-

tion was deferred until the municipal council and the county commissioners agree on some mutually satisfactory proposition. No final agreement has ever been made between the city and county, but it was freely predicted that the county

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TODAY'S CASES
IN POLICE
COURT

When Samuel Pappas was called before Judge Enright during a brief session of police court this forenoon on a charge of neglecting to support his wife, Kettie, Patrolman William H. Wilson told a story relative to the manner in which the woman has been conducting her house that raised his Honor to continue the case for further consideration. Patrolman Wilson said that he had seen people "rushing the can" to the woman's house and had found undesirable company there. At one time he went into the house, he said, and found two men intoxicated, one of whom was under 21 years of age. There were beer and whiskey there, he claimed. In explaining this, Mrs. Pappas said that the liquor was used for medicinal purposes only. She claimed that her husband abuses her whenever he feels her on the street and that he has often threatened to kill her. Judge Enright continued the case for one month.

Helplessly Drunk
A sad case was presented to the court when a young girl, not yet 18 years old, was called to answer to a charge of drunkenness. She pleaded not guilty. The girl, it is claimed, was taken home shortly before midnight last night in a taxi cab. Patrolman Clancy said that he found her lying on the kitchen floor of her home helplessly drunk after he had been called. Her father verified this statement. He said that he questioned the girl and she answered she had been drinking ginger ale. As the girl has been before the court on previous occasions for other charges and is now on probation, his Honor continued the case until Monday after making a finding of guilty. John Draddy and John Landry, drunkards, were sentenced to the state farm and Lowell jail, respectively. Both appeared. George C. Walsh was given a 10 days' detention in jail at his own request.

PATRICK M'GRATH, WAR
VETERAN, DROPPED DEAD

Patrick McGrath, a veteran of the Civil war and for over 50 years a resident of Centralville, died suddenly this morning while shoveling snow in front of his home, 88 Coburn street. Mr. McGrath was in the best of health early this morning and went out with his shovel for some exercise. A few minutes after he started shoveling snow he dropped to the sidewalk and when he was picked up it was found that he had passed away. Deceased was 71 years of age and is survived by a son, Joseph H. McGrath, an employe at the postoffice, and two daughters, Mrs. Annie T. Lawler and Miss Mary L. McGrath of the assessors' office at city hall.

BIG AUTO SHOW
TO CLOSE THIS
EVENING

The Lowell Automobile show which opened in the state armory in Westford street Wednesday under the auspices of the local military companies will be brought to a close this evening when an attractive program will be offered to all who attend. The success of the show thus far has been gratifying to the officers of the companies and the managers of the show and it is anticipated that tonight's entertainment will be a fitting climax. Yesterday, which was "Society Day," saw many prospective purchasers at the armory while others who planned to attend but were prevented on account of the weather took advantage of today's opportunity. The half-holiday also added to the attendance this afternoon and the salesmen were busy every minute. The beautiful decorations in the drill shed were admired by all and made a fine setting for the brand new, sparkling machines of the various types. As was stated in yesterday's paper the "Society Day" program included music by the Sixth regiment band and vocal selections by Mrs. Saxon and John Y. Myers. Today the automobile dealers were well satisfied with the sales made as a direct result of the show. Nearly 40 cars have been sold and many more are expected to be completed this evening. Harry Pitts, the Ford agent, leads in the number of sales, but many of the dealers in higher priced cars have also made many sales. The proceeds from the show should be large and will add to the treasury of the four local companies. The musical program this afternoon and evening follows:

2.30 to 4.30, Orchestra
March, "Police Patrol," Snyder
Overture, "Smiles and Tears," Harris
Selections from Kutinka, Pirmil
Serenade, "L'Amour," Puerny
Morceau, "Cathedral Chimes," Howard
Popular numbers, Selected.
March, "Loyal Legion," Lee
8 to 10, Orchestra
March, "Berlin Echoes," Lampe
Overture, "Star of the Sea," Flath
Popular numbers, Selected.
Selections from "Spring Maid," Eimrich
Concert Waltz, "Artist Life," Strauss
Reverie, "Cathedral Chimes," Howard
March, "U. S. Columbia," Strubbe

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CAR HIT A JITNEY BUT
NO ONE WAS HURT

One of the large jitneys that travels up and down Moody street was struck by an electric car this noon at the corner of East Merrimack and High streets, and one of the mudguards damaged. The jitney was returning from the Newton Mfg. Co. filled with people, and when it reached the corner of East Merrimack and High streets it stopped on the tracks in front of an approaching car. A man named Cox, who was standing on the running board of the jitney, had a narrow escape from serious injury.

21 AUTOS DESTROYED BY
FIRE AT BIDDEFORD

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 16.—Twenty-one automobiles were destroyed in a fire which wrecked the City garage on Washington street early this morning. The loss is estimated at \$12,000. O. P. Morris, the proprietor, was asleep in the office of the garage, but escaped in his bare feet by jumping through a window. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

A LAKES-TO-THE-GULF
WATERWAYS DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A lakes-to-the-gulf waterway and resources of the west were topics discussed at the final session of the governor's conference here today. Gov. Dunne of Illinois presented the waterways question, while Gov. Carlson of Colorado opened the discussion on resources. Gov. Major of Missouri presided. A closing feature of the day's program was a trip by the governors to Mt. Vernon as guests of Secretary Daniels.

EXPLOSION FELT FOR 15
MILES; TWO MEN KILLED

WOOD RIVER, Ill., Dec. 16.—Two men were killed and several others injured in an explosion that wrecked two refining stations of the Standard Oil Co. here early today. The explosion was followed by a fire which for a time threatened ten large tanks filled with oil. The shock was felt for 15 miles.

Waverly Hotel

Sunday Dinner Dec. 17
FROM NOON TILL 9 P. M.
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Cream of Celery, aux croissants
Pâté of Sole, au vin blanc
Relishes
Home Made Tomato Relish
Roast Young Vermont Turkey,
Cranberry Sauce
Roast Prime Ribs Beef au Jus
Boiled Leg of Mutton, Capers Sauce
Pried Bananas Cardinal
Hubbard Squash, Boiled Sweet
Potatoes
Boiled and Mashed
Potatoes
Apple and Pineapple Pie
Ice Cream Assorted Cakes

14 KILLED, 77
INJURED BY
EXPLOSION

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 15, via London.—Fourteen persons were killed and 77 injured by an explosion last night at a munitions factory at Fehldorf, a village of lower Austria, in the district of Wiener-Neustadt, says the Neue Freie Presse. Several buildings in the town were destroyed.

LLOYD GEORGE MAY NOT
SPEAK TUESDAY

BRITISH PREMIER MAKING STEADY
PROGRESS TOWARD RECOVERY—
VOICE STILL AFFECTED

LONDON, Dec. 16.—It appears doubtful today whether Premier David Lloyd George will be able to go before the house of commons Tuesday next. He is making steady progress towards recovery, but it is considered unlikely that his physicians will allow him to speak next week as his voice is affected. At any rate, it is not expected that the government at that time will be in a position to make a statement regarding the German peace proposals.

CHIMNEY FIRE
An alarm from box 216 was sent in at 1.15 o'clock this afternoon for a chimney fire in the Wheelock property at 314 Lawrence street. There was no damage.

SHORTAGE OF NATURAL
GAS; 15,000 ARE IDLE

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Fifteen thousand workmen are idle here today as a result of a shortage of natural gas which has forced almost every factory and mill in the Wheeling district dependent upon gas for fuel to close. The shortage is said to be due to the severe winter.

Large glass factories at Wheeling, Morgantown and Wheeling are operating only a few departments. Thus far there has been no shortage of gas to domestic consumers.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

LOWELL
AUTO
SHOW

Under the auspices of Co.'s C, G, K and Headquarters,
6th Inf. and Co. M, 9th Inf., N. G., Mass.

In the Armory

LAST DAY

Music Afternoon and Evening. Admission 25c

LOWELL VISITED BY OLD
FASHIONED SNOW STORM

A blinding snow storm gripped Lowell yesterday afternoon and last night and, while no serious damage was reported, the usual quota of trouble was caused in Lowell and suburbs. The Bay State street railway car service suffered considerably, trains were delayed, horses and autos met many hardships and the telephone and telegraph companies were somewhat handicapped.

It is estimated that about ten inches of snow covered the city this morning. Starting yesterday forenoon, the storm increased in force throughout the day and continued until about 4 o'clock this morning. At night the weather turned cold sharply, the thermometer dropping six degrees before midnight. The storm was one of the severest

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Haverhill,
Mass.

FRENCH LINER WARNED OF GERMAN RAIDER

THE CHICAGO ARRIVED AT NEW YORK NEARLY FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OVERDUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The French line steamship Chicago, which arrived here today nearly 48 hours overdue from Bordeaux, passed about 150 miles from the point which a wireless message posted on board indicated was the position of the German commerce raider reported in the Atlantic, according to passengers.

The bulletin was put up on Dec. 14 and to the surprise of the passengers torn down five minutes later. The Chicago then departed and this change of course, together with the heavy snowstorm yesterday, accounted for the delay. The bulletin gave the raider's position as 45.34 latitude north and 27.53 longitude west, or approximately 180 miles west of Bordeaux and in the Liverpool-New York steamship route.

CAPT. JOHN MATHIAS KILLED AT SEA

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Capt. John Mathias, R.N.R., well known here, having commanded several of the White Star liners in the Boston service, was killed recently on board the steamship Laurentic, according to advices just received here.

He was in the ship's hold trying to locate a blaze when a loose hatch beam fell upon him, crushing his head. The Laurentic has been in the auxiliary service for two years, acting as an auxiliary cruiser. Capt. Mathias lived in Liscaud, Eng., and was planning on a visit to his home over Christmas for the first time since the outbreak of war.

Capt. Mathias was one of the most popular of the company's captains. He was chief officer of the Republic when the vessel ran here, and afterwards came here as commander of the Cymric, Laurentic and Zealand. He was 45 years of age and leaves a family.

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63 MARKET STREET

MISS MURIEL RODGER

Talented Lowell Girl to take part of Blind Girl in Presentation of "St. Elmo"

The many friends of Miss Muriel Rodger, a talented Lowell girl, will be pleased to learn that she is to make her professional debut in theatrical circles next week. She will appear with the Cecil Spooner Stock company at the Colonial theatre, Lawrence, in the presentation of "St. Elmo." Miss Rodger has been several days and she has already become a great favorite with the other members.

Miss Rodger, who is 18 years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Rodger, of 101 Congress street. She is an attractive young lady and has won favor as a promising actress in many cities in New England where she has appeared in amateur productions. She has participated in many plays presented by local organizations and has always been very popular. Miss Rodger is a graceful dancer and will undoubtedly branch into that line during her career on the stage.

Next week Miss Rodger will play the important part of the little blind girl in the presentation of "St. Elmo."

WESTFORD STREET CARS

The following statement has been issued by the Bay State Street Railway Co.:

Owing to the necessity of operating over a single track in Appleton street during the construction of the proposed sewer, the former Westford street schedule, which was discontinued Oct. 19, will be temporarily resumed beginning Sunday, Dec. 17.

See advertised time-table in another column.

JURY AWARDS DOHERTY \$600

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A verdict of \$600 was awarded yesterday by a jury in superior court to William Doherty for injuries received while on an outing at Nantasket in a suit against the New York New Haven Hartford Railroad Co. He was struck by a running board of a train while trying to get aboard another train, Sept. 5, 1915.

COMFORT IN AUTO

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The Adams-Williams Manufacturing Corp. of New York has put on the market an all-weather convertible top for Ford cars. This is a most appropriate thing for the present and coming winter, and the only real thing to have to make an automobile practical. The top is of steel construction, there being, therefore, no wood to swell, shrink or crack. The one-man arrangement is of mohair with glass inclosure. This makes the whole exceptionally light weight, adding only about 30 pounds to the weight of the car. With this construction the top in whole or in part is instantly available for service. The entire equipment makes the inside of the car as warm and as comfortable as a limousine, and there is perfect ventilation. It is a protection from dust, rain or cold, being the last word in convertibility. When the top is down and not in use, all parts, including the panels, are stored in neat containers.

The company has a display advertisement in this edition of The Sun, illustrating the instant availability, affording an open and closed car in one.

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WOMEN'S RUBBERS—Storm and low cut	39
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MEN'S FIRST QUALITY RUBBERS, light and heavy weight, all sizes	85
CHILDREN'S STORM RUBBERS, size 4 to 10½	39
GIRLS' RUBBERS, size 11 to 2	39
WOMEN'S THREE-BUCKLE OVERSHOES	\$1.49 and \$1.98
BOYS' STORM KING BOOTS, according to size	\$1.98 to \$2.98
MEN'S ROLL EDGE RUBBERS, all sizes	69
CHILDREN'S RUBBER BOOTS, fleece lined, sizes 4 to 10½	1.25
GIRLS' OVERSHOES	1.49
BOYS' RUBBERS, size 11 to 2	39
BOYS' RUBBERS, size 3 to 6	49
MEN'S ONE-BUCKLE OVERSHOES	98

Men's 4 Buckle Overshoes \$1.98

GERMANS MAY EXECUTE BLAIKIE, ACCUSED OF ATTACKING U BOAT



CAPTAIN BLAIKIE OF THE CALEDONIA

Friends in America of Captain James Blaikie of the Anchor liner Caledonia, which was sunk by a German U boat on Dec. 1, are anxiously awaiting the disposition of his case by the Germans, who hold him prisoner. It is declared from German sources that Captain Blaikie tried to run the submarine, and if this be shown he may suffer the fate of Captain Fryatt, who was put to death last July on a similar charge.

Captain Blaikie has served as an officer of the Anchor line for many years and was frequently in New York. His home is at Greenwich, Scotland, where he has a wife and several children. He is fifty-five years old.

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STEAMSHIP ASHORE
SANDY HOOK, N. J., Dec. 16.—A report received here today from the keeper of the Little Beach life saving station says an unidentified steamship is ashore about two miles east-south-east from the station, and that a United States revenue cutter has been notified.

PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT

The Sun's Washington Correspondent Describes Presentation

Expressive of Armenia's Gratitude to America for Assistance

Special to The Sun
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The great red portieres were quickly drawn aside and into the famous East Room stepped the president unaccompanied and wearing a gray business suit. Around the entrance in a semi-circle were ranged forty men of note in congressional life. They were there to witness the presentation to President Wilson by the Rt. Rev. Arsene Vehouni, prelate of the Armenian church in America, the beautifully illuminated parchment on which are subscribed words expressive of the gratitude of Armenia for the sympathy and help America has rendered that suffering people. The brief news sources of the event, which have already been sent out, fail to give an idea of the impressiveness and significance of the scene. It was the weakest nation in the world thanking the strongest nation in the world for help rendered. And I think every man there felt a wave of thankfulness in his own heart that this country had been able to give its aid to Armenia.

The famous East Room had been decorated with ferns, roses and brilliant banks of poinsettias. The prelate of the Armenian church wore his official vestments, with the great cross of the order blazing on his breast. When the president entered the room everyone bowed low and he responded with an equally low bow. Senator Lodge stepped forward and introduced the prelate to the president who greeted him with a cordial handshake, and in a moment the prelate began his address which he delivered in beautifully chosen words, speaking slowly and distinctly but with a marked foreign accent. At the close an attendant handed to the president the framed parchment, which he held in his hands while he made an eloquent and fitting reply. The president said that the American people had not seen what they wished to do to relieve Armenia; he expressed the warm sympathy of the entire country; he outlined the suffering and expressed the hope that the country would quickly be relieved from its distress. At the close of the president's speech of acceptance he came forward and again shook the prelate by the hand and passed around the circle personally greeting the Armenian delegation and also the senators and congressmen who were there, calling by name those with whom he was already acquainted. When he again reached his station by the entrance he said simply: "I will now wish you all good afternoon," whereupon he bowed and everyone present bowed profoundly; the great red curtains were again parted by unseen hands and the president left the room.

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Those remaining chatted informally for a few minutes and the Armenians met personally the senators and congressmen and also one or two of the visiting governors in attendance at the conference, and who had been asked to witness the Armenian presentation. Practically the entire Massachusetts delegation was present, including Senators Lodge and Weeks, Congressman Rogers, Paige, Gardner, Treadway, Carter and Col. S. E. Winslow of Worcester who had personal charge of the arrangements, the prelate being a resident of Worcester.

Control of Next House
Notwithstanding the lure of patronage it now looks as if the republicans would decline to trade with independents for control of the next house, even if the independents should be willing to do so. The republicans are not quite sure they could handle the situation and are positive the democrats will have difficulty in handling it. Of the two it seems to them at this moment, best to let the party now in power wrestle with the problem and permit the republicans to stand on the side line and watch for flaws in every body's regardless of their political faith. He has made a very fair presiding officer. He wants four terms as speaker. To permit him to remain will solve many a difficult question of lining up the republicans on measures where it is suspected they are not for a hearty vote at the best, and it seems pretty well settled at this moment, that there will not be much of a fight to get control of the house in March. Maybe the control will come without a struggle, then of course the republicans would accept the situation with delight, but they do not seem to like to trade, cajole or fight for it.

Recognizing Woman Member
When a member of congress rises in his seat and desires to address the house, the speaker recognizes him by referring to him as the "gentleman from Massachusetts." The "gentleman from New Hampshire" or the gentleman from whatever state he may represent. It is so laid down in the laws of congress. They are having lots of fun out here now as to just how the speaker of the next house will recognize the newly elected member from Montana, Miss Jennett Rankin. She was the first woman ever to be elected to congress. Will the speaker address her as the "lady from Montana," "the woman from Montana" or "the member from the Montana district," from which she comes? Any one of these will be out of order according to the rules of congress as laid down in its rules and regulations of a century standing. And how will the clerk announce a pair Miss Rankin may have made when she was to be absent or did not desire to vote? Will he announce from the speaker's desk in loud and authoritative tones: "The lady from Montana is paired for the afternoon with the gentleman from Montana, Miss Jennett Rankin." And if so, will the speaker's gavel have strength to withstand the pounding that would be necessary to enforce the rule "no laughter or applause in the galleries?"

MAN HELD FOR MURDER OF HIS DAUGHTER

NORWAY, Me., Dec. 16.—Albert B. Bean of Waterford was held without bail, charged with the murder of his 18-year-old daughter, Inez, by William F. Jones, judge of the Norway Municipal Court, yesterday.

Attorneys for the respondent tried to secure, without success, the introduction of an alleged written confession made by Mr. Bean.

Dr. Hiram L. Bartlett, of Norway, medical examiner of Oxford county, was the chief witness. He testified that he was called to the Bean home at East Waterford three times to treat Inez. The first time was two months ago, the second two weeks ago, and the third on the day of her death.

He saw Mr. Bean on the day of Inez's death and he said that she had helped her mother as usual in the forenoon, but in the afternoon had a squint and died. Dr. Bartlett did not take stock in this story, and, taking Mr. Bean into the room where the body lay, he told him that he wanted to know the truth about the matter.

He said that Bean then admitted, first by nodding his head and later by words, that he had attempted to per-

form an operation upon her, from which she had instantly died. He also admitted, Dr. Bartlett testified, that he was responsible for her condition. Dr. Bartlett stated further that Bean signed a written confession that night.

Hon. Alton C. Wheeler, counsel for Mr. Bean, strove earnestly to get sight of this alleged confession, but Judge Jones ruled that according to the doctor's statement it contained nothing more than the doctor had testified to, and he did not think anything would be gained by having it produced, and he also doubted very much his power to compel the state's attorney to produce it at this hearing.

Prof. Whittier of Bowdoin testified to an analysis of the dead girl's organs. This closed the testimony for the state.

The defense called Sheriff Frothingham and Deputy Sheriff Thos. who told of Bean's arrest, but added nothing new. Dr. H. M. Allen, who was with Dr. Bartlett when the alleged confession was secured, and finally recalled Dr. Bartlett, making him a witness for the defense, and again endeavoring to secure from him the written confession, but without success.

At the conclusion of the testimony Judge Jones said there was ample evidence to hold the respondent for the March term of the superior court on the charge of murder, and ordered that he be committed without bail. Little developed at the hearing regarding the probable defense, but it is expected to be insanity.

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GIRL KILLED BY B. & M. TRAIN AT MALDEN

MALDEN, Dec. 16.—Miss Mary E. McInnes, 20 years old, a telephone operator employed in Boston, was struck and killed by an express train on the Boston & Maine railroad here today. Miss McInnes on her way to work crossed the track safely just in front of the locomotive but apparently was drawn back by motion of the train and was struck by the steps of the second car.

OLD FASHIONED STORM

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that Lowell has experienced for some time. The heavy fall of snow made conditions very disagreeable outside. Many persons fell on the slippery sidewalks, but few were injured seriously enough to require medical attention.

Car Service Hit Hard

The street car service was hit hard by the storm which was a difficult one for the railway men to handle. All day yesterday plows were used in an attempt to keep the lines open, and every man available worked all night. Twenty-one plows were out all night covering the different routes in the city and suburbs. When the snow began to drift early in the evening the car service showed signs of slowing up and it was delayed all night. No particular line was affected more than another, it being a storm that could not be handled without greatly crippling the service. Many of the lines were off schedule this morning, and people found it impossible to reach their work on scheduled time. The trains were all a little late, averaging from 15 minutes to a half hour.

Repair men were at work bright and early this morning on the telephone, telegraph and electric light wires, and what trouble was caused to these lines was promptly repaired.

Employees of the street department were in the downtown section of the city early today leveling off the snow and taking it from the square. Men were also busy clearing the snow from sidewalks in front of stores and down town buildings. Before this was done, walking was very difficult.

The blowing out of a fuse at the corner of Central and Church streets deprived many stores in the vicinity of Tower's corner of electric lights for about a half hour last night. This defect was not caused by the storm, it was stated today.

Must Be Patient

The street railway company will feel the effects of the storm for a day or two and it is up to the public to be patient and reasonable. Friday night is a bad time for a snow storm so far as the street railway is concerned. Saturday is the company's heaviest day for travel and it is almost impossible to work a full force because of the fact that so many men had worked all night. It is stated that 2000 Lowell people will go to Boston this evening to hear Billy Sunday. On their return from Boston they will seek transportation from the depot to their homes on the electric cars. This means that the street railway company will have to supply extra cars and extra cars means extra men. There will be other calls, perhaps, for extra cars and unless a great number of the men are willing to work overtime, or double time, the company will have its hands full in trying to accommodate its patrons. Have a heart!

Preparedness Pays

The street railway company furnishes a splendid example for preparedness when, in the good old summer time, it stored two snow plows in Pawtucketville in order not to get caught when the bridge was torn down. There were those who joked about the company's "summer snow plows," but the wisdom of the act proved itself last night and today for in the absence of snow plows traffic would have been tied up completely. Score another for safety first and preparedness.

Locks & Canals Plows

After a heavy storm like that of last night the Locks & Canals company's horse-drawn plows are put into service covering over seven miles of

sidewalks, clearing the path for early morning traffic.

Commissioner Morse also had the city horse-drawn plows on the job early this morning in outlying districts, much to the satisfaction of property owners and early morning pedestrians.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

A number of friends of Miss Mary Purcell gathered at the residence of Miss Emma Rich on Dover street last night and showered Miss Purcell with light and glassware. Although taken by surprise, Miss Purcell responded in a very fitting manner. She is engaged to be married to Mr. Frank Thompson, a delightful buffet luncheon was served and a musical program was carried out. The accompanists of the evening were Miss Mary Gleason and Miss Nellie Graham. The party broke up at a late hour, all wishing Miss Purcell happiness and success.

PLEASING XMAS GIFTS

The store of E. W. Freeman, the well known Bridge street jeweler, offers an attractive variety of Christmas gifts in jewelry, cut glass, diamonds and the many other beautiful articles which one desiring to purchase can find in an up-to-date jewelry store. Mr. Freeman is well prepared for the holiday trade. Owing to the rapid rise in prices of jewelry, generally, large and costly orders were given before the price advanced. The result of this is a two-fold advantage to customers of this store. An unusually large assortment of a thousand and one appropriate gifts for the coming holiday, and prices which are remarkably low during the present period of high prices. While great attention is given to every kind of jewelry, this store specializes in diamonds and watches. Mr. Freeman being an expert of many years experience with diamonds is an acknowledged authority in his line. Among the staff at Freeman's, Messrs. Ellis, Monroy and Willett, their combined number of years of experience in the jewelry and diamond business being eighty-five. The Misses Marion Ready and Alice Raymond also are included in this large sales force, which is quite capable of rendering the public the most satisfactory service. Even during the usual Christmas rush, a visit to the store will be found to be both pleasurable and profitable.

SALARY INCREASES

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trustees wanted to get the personal element out of the library promotion system and establish it on a scientific basis. The committee, before making suggestions, wrote to the principal cities of New England and replies were received from eleven. The system of advancing salaries was general but did not obtain in all cases.

Under the new system of classifying library employees, there are four main divisions, viz: the administrative grade, the first grade, the second grade, and the men employed in the departments. The boys who work in the library are taken care of in a special division.

In the administrative grade are the librarian, the assistant librarian and the librarian in the children's room. The salaries of the librarian and assistant librarian will be especially considered. Beginning with the first of the year the librarian will get \$2200 a year and the assistant librarian will get \$1600. For the children's librarian the maximum will be \$15 weekly and the minimum will be \$17. The \$15 salary will go into effect January 1st.

The first grade includes all experienced assistants who have had library training. The salaries will be from \$14 to \$16, and the two employees in this class will receive \$14 at the beginning of the year.

In the second grade are the general assistants without special library training. The girls generally start in from the high school. The initial salary is \$3 a week and there will be an annual increase of \$2 until the salary in five years reaches \$11 a week. Three employees in this class at the library will receive \$14 a week at the beginning of the year.

Of the men employed, the superintendent of the reading room and the head of the bindery will receive \$2 a day. There is no progressive scale, but the minimum is \$16 and the maximum is \$20. Other men in this grade will receive a salary from \$9 to \$16, or from \$2 to \$2.50 a day.

The salaries of boys permanently employed will range from \$4.50 to \$7.50 a week, and boys who may be temporarily employed from time to time at rush seasons will be paid by the hour. All of these salary changes have been acted on by the trustees and are ready to go into effect.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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would pay 25 per cent of all work up to the sub grade. This would include foundation, culverts, etc., the county to put on the finish also and to take over the maintenance of the highway.

At the meeting on Monday the city will be represented by the city engineer and members of the municipal council. Mayor O'Donnell is of the opinion that the proposition is generally understood on both sides and that it is true for the county engineers to present their figures and a practical proposition so that the city will know what remains to be done and what its proportionate share of the cost will be. There is no tentative agreement as yet, and the mayor is anxious for a definite proposition. The city engineer is ready to go over an estimate of costs and present figures showing the city's possible responsibility in the matter. It is probable that the exact status of the First street boulevard and river road will be finally determined upon next Tuesday. Monday's meeting, however, are held on by the municipal council and the county commissioners.

New Pawtucketville Park

The city engineer and the city solicitor have practically completed the necessary arrangements for the selling of the land above the new bridge on the Vermont avenue side for the construction of a new park. The assessed valuation of land and buildings between Mammoth road and Pawtucket falls on Vermont avenue, as compiled by the city engineer, is \$107,850.30. This is subdivided as follows:

Mary J. and Arthur C. Varnum, 641 sq. feet of land, \$104,430 one building, \$2500; one building, \$2000, total, \$174,430.

Mary J. Varnum, two buildings, \$200 each, total, \$400.

Locks & Canals, 10,000 sq. feet of land, \$1000; one building, \$200, total, \$1200.

William T. S. Bartlett, one building, \$200.

2845 sq. feet of land leased from the Locks & Canals, \$400.

Arthur Blackie, one building, \$200.

2229 sq. feet of land leased from the Locks & Canals, \$200.

Proprietors of the Locks & Canals, 1140 sq. feet, \$114; 12,570 sq. feet, \$250, total, \$464.

The total value of the land owned by the Locks & Canals is \$2245; and the total value of all other land and buildings is \$82,143.

An appropriation of \$10,785.30 will be made to cover cost of seizure with enough additional to provide for possible land damages.

An Old Custom

In accordance with an old provision of the law, Mayor O'Donnell had been invited by the board of selectmen of the town of Tewksbury to meet the chairman of the board today and pronounce the holder of the city and town, respectively. Owing to the heavy snow and the danger of two officials getting lost in the drifts, the official work on the borderland has been postponed to a later date.

School Vacations

The various schools of the city will close next Friday, Dec. 22, remaining closed all next week, and will reopen Jan. 2.

"SAGE OF CONCORD" IS 85

Frank B. Sanborn, the "Sage of Concord," author and philanthropist, yesterday observed his 85th birthday in the home of his married son, Francis Sanborn, in Westfield, N. J., where he has been for nearly a month. Mr. Sanborn, who was born in Hampton Falls, N. H., Dec. 15, 1831, was in excellent health in Concord this rain, and word received in Concord recently by friends indicates that he is still in the best of health.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. George B. Marshall, 121 London street, last evening when a number of friends presented Miss Flora Bailey a beautiful silver set and traveling bag. Mr. Leonard Marshall made the presentation, to which Miss Bailey responded in a fitting manner. The evening's enjoyment was enhanced by the various selections offered by the Emerson Trio.

Joe Rossett, Walter Damon and Wilfred Axon, manager. This popular trio responded to a great many cheers and were voted a great success. Games were played and refreshments served after which the party broke up at a late hour wishing the bride-to-be best wishes in her future life. Miss Bailey will become the bride of Mr. Louis Shadick, the well-known tailor of Larch and Larch, on Christmas eve.

HUNTERS KILLED 400 ELK IN TWO DAYS

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Dec. 16.—Hunters estimated today that 400 elk were killed just outside the northern boundary of Yellowstone National park during the last two days of the hunting season which closed last night. Heavy snowstorms of the last week drove hundreds of the elk from the mountainous regions of the park into lower altitudes, where the hunters were waiting for them.

MANUFACTURING PLANT'S GREAT EFFICIENCY

Harry L. Jones, it was announced today has been elected president of the Jones Bros. Tea Co., Inc. and its allied concerns, the Grand Union Tea Co., The Globe Grocery Stores and the Anchor Pottery Co. doing a business of a million dollars every month through over 250 stores and 3500 salesmen or agents.

Mr. Jones is the son of Cyrus D. Jones, who, with two brothers, founded the enterprise several years before Woodworth started his chain of stores.

Control of the company, which was started with \$300 capital, has never been a dollar on its forty-four years' history, and has not a dollar of indebtedness, has been secured by Merrill, Lynch & Co., who have attained notable success in the financing of other large chain store enterprises.

The company's huge factory in Brooklyn, covering an entire block and affording ten acres of floor space, is so scientifically equipped that raw material delivered on the top floor either gravitates or is automatically conveyed from process to process until it reaches the rail-

road cars in the building without having, in most instances, touched a single human hand. Mr. Jones, a civil engineer as part of his steady process, and many of the labor saving devices are of his invention.

Some idea of the efficiency of the manufacturing plant may be gathered from the fact that, though the company supplies between eighty and ninety percent of the goods sold in all the stores, only one and one half persons are employed in the plant to fill the requirements of each store. Grand Union stores cover a large part of the United States. Most of the salesmen are supplied by the company with horses and wagons, although automobiles are now being introduced. The principle on which the business is conducted is that inaugurated almost forty-five years ago, that is, the salesmen go from house to house, book orders, furnish with goods and receive fresh orders. The giving of premiums, originated forty years ago, has proved a most successful business-getting policy, and is in operation where ever a pound of tea, a package of coffee, a can of baking powder or a bar of soap is sold.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Beatrice Morelle's Grand Operatic Series, composed exclusively of women vocalists and instrumentalists, will give their final concert at the B. F. Keith theatre, this afternoon and evening. This splendid organization gives exclusively classic numbers, and gives them in a thoroughly artistic manner. "Walters Wanted," with Cole, Russell & Davis, turning in over for expert consideration, is easily the prime comedy number of the bill. The repartee is bright and quickly turned, and it cannot but fail to tickle the ribs. Bur Dugan & Raymond, in their own connection called "They Auto Know Better," present a mixture which is at once original and good fun. There are many other good points, notably the iron-jaw wire work of the Helen Leach Waller trio, and the xylophone playing of the Xylo Maids; the sand smoke and finger shadow pictures of Stuart Darrow, the dancing, singing and jesting of Merrick and Hart, and the musical features. Two good bills will be shown at the theatre tomorrow afternoon and evening.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

The final chance is given today to see the big all-star bill which has been shown at the continuous performances at the Merrimack Square theatre during the past two weeks. As this is an exceptionally big and fine show, everyone should embrace this final opportunity to take in this rare entertainment which is produced by the joint talents of Carl Kane, Arthur

Ashley, Montagu Love, Muriel Ostriche and Lenora Tice. The four dramatic and appealing five-act drama, "The Men She Married," while the latter, Miss Ulrich is seen in her latest success, "The Road to Love," being a tale of Algiers. The Burton Holmes Travel pictures showing foreign scenes and peoples, a comedy and other plays will conclude the performances today. Tomorrow at the Sunday concert Myrtle Stedman will appear before admiring audiences which she will charm with her admirable interpretation of her role in her latest vehicle, the five-act drama, "Wild Olive," a play which will delight and please all who see it. Following the presentation of this headliner are many other features of high amusement standard. In a word, the continuous concert at the Merrimack Square theatre tomorrow afternoon and evening is well worth seeing because of its well-balanced excellence.

JEWEL THEATRE
The kids are singing "Funny Chaplin Feet" today. The owner of said feet appears in one of his funny comedies, "The Pawnshop," at the Jewel theatre for the last time. Other attractions are episodes of "Liberty," with Marie Walcamp and Eddie Polo, "The Crimson Stain Mystery," with Maurice Costello and Ethel Grandin. Travel pictures showing foreign scenes and peoples, a comedy and other plays will conclude the performances today. Tomorrow at the Sunday concert Myrtle Stedman will appear before admiring audiences which she will charm with her admirable interpretation of her role in her latest vehicle, the five-act drama, "Wild Olive," a play which will delight and please all who see it. Following the presentation of this headliner are many other features of high amusement standard. In a word, the continuous concert at the Merrimack Square theatre tomorrow afternoon and evening is well worth seeing because of its well-balanced excellence.

Another big double feature bill will be presented at the Owl theatre this afternoon and evening, when the famous stage and screen star, Marie Empress will be seen in the stellar role of the new World release, "Love Cross Roads." This new film tells a powerful story of the foibles of the so-called modern society, and depicts the shams which lie below the covers of silks and satins.

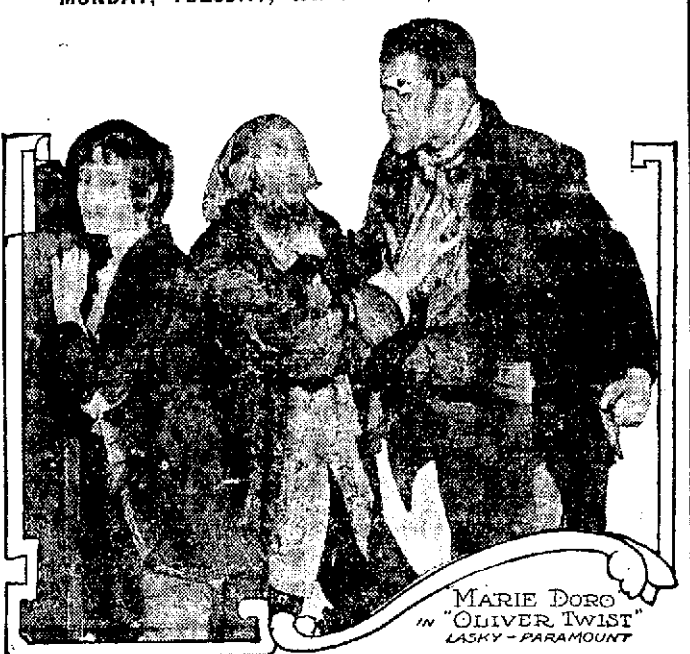
Charlie Chaplin, General Gloom's greatest enemy, will also be seen in another of the new Mutual Chaplin comedies. Other excellent attractions will also be shown at the Owl today.

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At Sunday Concert Tomorrow
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GIRL'S ACQUITTAL OF BOILING CAT DENOUNCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—So disgusted was Judge Martin in the court of common pleas, Newark, N. J., yesterday when a jury acquitted Mrs. Amelia Vail of a charge of boiling alive a pet cat of Mrs. William Koehler, of No. 140 Lorraine avenue, Montclair, last February, that he scolded and dismissed the jurors and ordered a retrial next Monday. He said to the jurors:

"It is plainly evident that you do not understand the duties of a jury. The preponderance of evidence in this case has determined the guilt of the defendant. I am at a loss to comprehend your decision, and I therefore am constrained to discharge you from further duty during the balance of the term."

Says Woman Told of Act

Mrs. Vail, who was cook and housekeeper for Mrs. Koehler, when it was asserted she killed the cat, already had been acquitted of the charge by Recorder Henry L. Vost of Montclair. "Lack of substantial evidence" was the reason given by the recorder.

The chief witness yesterday against Mrs. Vail, who was not in court, was Miss Millicent Ballentine, who was a maid for Mrs. Koehler last February. She testified that one afternoon when she was in the cellar she saw Mrs. Vail carrying a brown bag, which apparently contained some live animal.

She asserted that later Mrs. Vail told her she had tossed the cat upon the live coals of the furnace and shut the door.

"I didn't see her throw the cat in," Miss Ballentine admitted.

It was not until after Mrs. Vail went to work elsewhere that Miss Ballentine told Mrs. Koehler Mrs. Vail had burned the cat. Then Mrs. Koehler hurried to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Montclair, and a warrant was sworn out by its officers for Mrs. Vail's arrest.

Defense Called No Witnesses

Several weeks later Mrs. Vail was found in the employment of another family in Montclair, and her arraignment and acquittal before the recorder followed. The S.P.C.A. promptly took an appeal.

It was this appeal that was tried in Newark yesterday with the result set forth.

NETHERLANDS PARLIAMENT

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Dec. 15, via London, 2:15 p. m.—The first chamber of the Netherlands parliament today passed the bill authorizing the issue of a state loan of 125,000,000 florins at four per cent.

RECORD OF 120 BEHEADINGS

BRESLAU, Germany, December.—Prussia's official headman—Lorenz Schwietz, has just retired after holding his unenviable position for 14 years and with a record of 120 beheadings. He is now 67 years old.

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Joseph C. Grew, secretary of the American embassy in Berlin and charge d'affaires, is the man who received from Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg for transmission to the United States the German suggestion that Berlin was ready to consider peace negotiations.



JOSEPH C. GREW

Joseph C. Grew, who represented the United States in Ambassador Gerard's absence, is a young man for so important a post, being only thirty-six years old. He was graduated from Harvard in 1902 and began his career in the consular and diplomatic service in 1904 as clerk to the consulate general in Cairo. Since then he has served in Mexico City, Petrograd, Vienna and Berlin. Mr. Grew's home is in Boston.

PEDLARS JAILED FOR BAD POTATO SALE

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Just because the scarcity of coal made it impossible for Mrs. Ella Walsh of 154 Wordsworth street, East Boston, to get her winter's coal supply delivered on time, John Pitts of Neptune road and Joseph Merrigan of Paris street were fined \$100 each and sentenced to serve six months in the house of correction at yesterday's session of the East Boston court.

The two men had persuaded her to buy five big sacks of potatoes with \$18.75 of her coal money. The potatoes were so rotten, below the top of one of the exhibition tags that the stench from them created a nuisance and they had to be buried. Complaint to the men brought a

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The folks are going to give me something this year—They always do. But tell 'em, won't you, that I am not collecting curios.

I DO NOT WANT a new collar for the dog, a bottle of perfume or some nickel cigars—BUT THERE ARE USEFUL THINGS I DO WANT—some I must have, and if I get them, they will save me money. So, will you kindly give this list your attention old friend,

I SHOULD LIKE—some new "Neckties"—never have quite enough, 25c to \$1.25 and "Shirts," every man likes a variety, \$1.00 to \$3.50—a "House Coat" would be an improvement over the old one I'm wearing around the house now, \$4.00 to \$6.00.

I need a new pair of "Gloves," but unless some one gives them to me, I'll probably keep on wearing the old ones, 50c to \$5.00—A nice warm cap would be fine these cold mornings, 50c to \$1.50.

Everybody thinks he's harder on socks than any one else—I am. Some nice "Socks" would come in handy, 25c, 35c, 50c pair—and if anybody wants to save me some real money, I'm a candidate for a new Suit or Overcoat—Suits, \$10.00 to \$25.00—Overcoats, \$12.50 to \$30.00.

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refund of \$5 to Mrs. Walsh, but complaint to the food department brought a summons to court for the two pedlars, both East Boston young men of good families.

\$1470 VERDICT IN LAND DAMAGE CASE

A verdict of \$1470.22 was returned in the superior court yesterday in the land damage suit of Mrs. Annie T. Young vs. City of Lowell. Daniel J. Donahue represented the plaintiff and City Solicitor Harold A. Varnum the city.

HAVERHILL MAYOR QUILTS CHURCHES AND LODGES

HAVERHILL, Dec. 15.—Mayor Albert L. Bartlett, defeated for re-election two weeks ago, has resigned his membership in the Haverhill Rotary club, Mizpah lodge, I.O.O.F. and Regent lodge, K. of P., and has given up his seat, though retaining his membership, at the North Congregational church. This announcement, made last night, is a sequel to the Leyden riots, so called, and the subsequent trial of the mayor and his associates in the city government for failure to suppress mob violence.

Mayor Bartlett was made a target for bitter attacks and criticism for his position, not only by citizens at large, but by his fellow-members in the various organizations which he now renounces. Rev. Arthur Derbyshire, pastor of the North Congregational church, demanded from him an explanation of his course, and this especially vexed the mayor. It is said that in the case of his affiliation with the Odd Fellows, his resignation from the lodge was demanded.

While no plans have been announced, it is understood that Mayor Bartlett, at the expiration of his term of office, will leave the city for a time at least, and will devote himself to literary work.

ETNA CAMPERS DANCE

A delightful dancing party was held last evening in A.O.U.H. hall under the auspices of the Etna Campers. There was a fair sized attendance in spite of the inclement weather and a pleasing dance program was enjoyed to music by Wall's orchestra. The officers in charge were as follows: General manager, Edward Dean; assistant general manager, Miss Loretta Shear; floor director, Thomas Sexton; chief aid, Miss Mary Murray.

URGES GOVERNMENT TO ECONOMIZE ON PAPER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate today adopted a resolution by Senator Weyman of Iowa, directing the committee on printing, in view of the scarcity and increasing cost of print paper,

to investigate the subject and to recommend what government publications might be temporarily suspended and what economies might be practiced in the various government departments in the interests of conservation of paper.

ARRESTED AS "SLAVER"

DOVER, Me., Dec. 15.—William Bell, aged 50, of Greenville, was arrested yesterday at Brownville by Deputy Sheriff Stanley Hall on a warrant charging him with white slavery under the Maine statute. The complaint was made by George A. Carter of Greenville, father of Margaret Carter, aged 18 and a member of last year's graduating class at Greenville High school. The girl has been missing for nearly a year, and recently her parents received a letter from her mailed at Woodstock, N. B., informing them that she was in that town and that she had been taken there by Bell. Bell was traced to Brownville. He had a wife and children living in Greenville.

STUDY BERLIN POLICE PLAN

BERLIN, December.—Turkey has become so impressed with the efficiency of the Berlin police that it has sent to Berlin the director of the Constantinople criminal department, Behaeddin Bey, to study the methods in vogue here, so that on his return he may reorganize the police of Turkey's capital and principal cities, and introduce German methods there.

GEORGE S. BOWEN DEAD

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 15.—George S. Bowen, a member of the supreme lodge of the International Order of Good Templars and prominent in that organization for many years, died here today at the age of 35.

HARD TO GET JURIES

LONDON, December.—Depleted staffs in business houses are causing considerable difficulty in getting juries in various courts and the lord chief justice has appealed to the bar and solicitors that they agree as far as possible to try their cases without juries.

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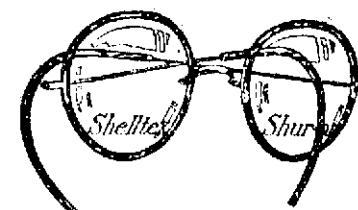
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NAT. LEAGUE MAY ABOLISH THE BLEACHERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Permanent abolition of the bleacher seat—the 25 cent seat—is foreseen in the action of the National League favoring a reduction of the seats in this popular section of the baseball grandstand to a "minimum."

In cities like Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cincinnati, where there are more than 5000 of the cheaper seats, the price for the majority of these seats next season will be raised to 50 cents, it is stated and several of the club owners assert that in another year the 25 cent seat will be abolished.

Prior to adjournment yesterday the magnates of the National league took further action for a curtailment in operating expenses by recommending unanimously a trenchant in players' salaries. Those players who have for the past three years enjoyed an inflated compensation as a result of the Federal league war will be hit the hardest, it was stated.

Changes in the rules governing the world's series as proposed by August Herrmann and President Tener were recommended by the league. These included the provision that the players of the two teams competing in the series receive a stipulated amount and that a percentage of the receipts be divided among the players on the other clubs finishing in the first division of each league. By this plan it was claimed, interest would be stimulated among the second division clubs in their efforts to "win" the money. After the plan is drawn up in definite form it will be submitted for approval at a meeting of the two leagues next February.

HERRMANN REMAINS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The annual meeting of the National league closed to a close yesterday afternoon without any radical action having been taken and without the expected clash of arms between Garry Herrmann and Barney Dreyfuss.

Short Skirmish

These two militant factors had a short skirmish in the forenoon over the Sleser case, when Dreyfuss stated that the draft rule was bad and that the Pittsburgh club had suffered se-

verely from unfair legislation. Hostilities were prevented by the call to lunch and the reconciliation of the dining table.

During the day President Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgh club endeavored to get his brother club magnates to agree to a reorganization of the national commission.

He based his plea for the proposed change on the outcome of the Sleser case and claimed that the commission should be made non-partisan by appointing some person unidentified with baseball as chairman in place of Herrmann.

Just how this could be done or who he thought might prove to be a capable "outsider" for the position was not learned from the Pittsburgh club owner's remarks.

Herrmann Willing

Chairman Herrmann, in reply, stated that he was willing to resign from the commission if such action would benefit organized baseball, but all of those present except Dreyfuss declared they did not relish any change in the personnel of the supreme court of baseball and that the subject, which had caused much comment and controversy during the week, was dropped there.

One of the measures that came up was in regard to the world's series gate receipts. The National league went on record as favoring a division of the receipts among all the eight clubs with the leading clubs, of course, benefiting. This was referred, however, to the national commission for action.

A committee on playing rules, including Tener, Heydler and Dreyfuss, was appointed. The committee on constitution will include Weeghman, Baker and Herrmann.

It was voted that hereafter the National league will have two meetings during the playing season. The new league contract was not unanimously approved as the 10-day clause was objected to and the document was sent back to the national commission for revision and to be passed upon at the next meeting.

It was voted that hereafter major league clubs may play ante-season games between clubs of the same league, but these must be played at training grounds.

The drafting clause submitted by Ebbetts last year, which was intended to give the weaker clubs the advantage in the draft, was officially approved.

Big Trade On

A big trade between Chicago and Philadelphia is now under consideration, and will probably be pulled off late tonight or early tomorrow forenoon. Lavender of the Cubs is mentioned as the player that Chicago is considering sending to the Philadelphia club, while Demaree of the Quakers is one of the Philadelphians under

HARRY PAULSEN, NORWAY'S GREAT FANCY ICE SKATING CHAMPION, CHALLENGES THE WORLD



NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—There is war among the European fancy ice skating champions now in this city—that is, war of the steel blade variety, which is settled by supremacy on the ice surface. During the past couple of months nearly every ice skater of note in Europe has come over to this country in search of more fame and money. At present there are at least a dozen fancy and speed ice skaters who claim all kinds of titles in this city. To settle who is the champion of Europe the promoters have suggested that they meet in competition and the winner to be called the real honest to goodness champion. As a

starter Harry Paulsen, who hails from Norway and who claims the championship of the world, has come out with a challenge to any fancy ice skater in the world to meet him. Thomas Healy of "Golden Glade" fame says he will back Paulsen for any amount against any man in the world, bar none, in a fancy ice skating contest. Paulsen claims he has met and outclassed every ice blade artist of note abroad and is more than anxious to demonstrate his superiority over his rivals in a contest here. Photo shows Paulsen doing one of his fancy stunts.

CHARLIE BRICKLEY TO SPEAK HERE MONDAY

FAMOUS HARVARD ATHLETE TO ADDRESS SACRED HEART HOLY NAME BOYS' CLUB

Charlie Brickley, the famous Harvard football star and at present coach of the Boston college, will make his first appearance in Lowell on next Monday night when he will address the Holy Name Boys' club of the Sacred Heart parish in the school hall.

Brickley is coming here on the invitation of Rev. Henry Burns, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church, who was a schoolmate of the noted athlete in Everett. Brickley is an eloquent speaker and his vast experience in all branches of athletics makes him an authority on all angles of the game.

The great star, who while at Harvard achieved a record never before equaled, and which will probably never be surpassed, began his successful athletic career while at Everett high school.

During his four years at Everett he was captain of the baseball, football, basketball and track teams, and in all branches he excelled and his fame spread throughout New England. Experts who watched him perform predicted a wonderful college career for him, and subsequent events proved that the authorities had good grounds for their prediction.

Upon graduating from Everett Brick-

ley entered Exeter, and here he starred at baseball, football and track events. It was during his stay here, that he had the honor of being selected to represent the United States at the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden. Brickley was then but 18 years old, and his selection proved a good omen, for he performed in remarkable style in competition with the greatest athletes from all parts of the world. After the games Brickley traveled through Europe. His fame had preceded him, and he was accorded great receptions throughout his trip.

In 1912, his first year on the Harvard varsity, Brickley established the record that made him the most talked of athlete in the world. In his first big game, that year, against Princeton Brickley kicked three goals from the field, one being from the 47-yard line. This game was won by Harvard by the score of 16 to 6. In the same year, the second big game of the season, which was against Dartmouth, saw Brickley win the game by the score of 17 to 0, his field goal being the only score of the game.

Against Yale, in 1912, Brickley scored 12 of the 20 points, a touchdown and two field goals being his contribution. The next year Brickley started right in to further increase his fame, by beating Princeton by the score of 20 to 0, a field goal being responsible for the score. This was accomplished on a muddy field, during a heavy drizzle, and the feat was pronounced by Walter Camp the greatest field goal ever kicked.

Against Yale that year Brickley not only won the game for Harvard, but set up the greatest record ever established in college football. He kicked five field goals.

Brickley was elected captain of the Harvard eleven in 1914 and, despite the fact that he was forced to undergo an operation that year, he added further achievements to his record. In 1914, he also gained great prominence at baseball. In the final game of the series with Yale the score stood 2 to 1 in favor of the Blue in the ninth inning. Brickley came to bat with a man on second, and by knocking out a two-bagger sent in the run that tied the score. Later he scored himself, and again forced Yale to bow to the superiority of the Crimson. That year he had a grand batting average of .700.

On the track team in 1914 Brickley again proved Yale's weakness by winning the meet for Harvard by capturing first place in the shotput.

These are some of the incidents that will be discussed by Brickley next Monday night, and inasmuch as the affair is free to all members and friends the indications are that a record attendance will turn out to greet the famous athlete.

Confidence is also very confident of being able to defeat the two men to be pitted against him, and avers that in the event of his winning he will have a challenge to all local runners for a meet.

The three men have been training all week for tonight's race, and announce that they are all ready for the race of their lives. The organization looking for the three men promise to be on hand in large numbers to cheer their color-bearers on to victory. The admission will be ten cents with roller skating before and after the race.

BIG RUNNING RACE AT ROLLAWAY TONIGHT

Tony Drouin of the Maroons and James Crowe of the O.M.I. Cadets, who will team up in an attempt to defeat Fred Couture of the Bellevue club in a three-mile running race at the Rollaway rink on Third street tonight, are in great condition for the event, and feel confident that they will be able to win from the Bellevue flyer.

Couture is also very confident of being able to defeat the two men to be pitted against him, and avers that in the event of his winning he will have a challenge to all local runners for a meet.

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BAY STATE TO DISPOSE OF MOUNTAIN ROCK PARK

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 15.—In an order issued yesterday, the public service commissioners approve the request of the Bay State Street Railway company, that it be allowed to dispose of certain of its pleasure resorts, a request which was recently the subject of a public hearing before the commission. The order is as follows:
"Following the findings in the Bay State street railway rate case, declared AUG. 31, 1916, in which the commission suggested, under the heading 'Unused Real Estate,' that it seemed probable that some of the park property owned by the company could be sold to advantage, the Bay State Street Railway company, on Oct. 9, 1916, filed with the commission a petition requesting approval of the sale of certain pleasure resorts located in the towns of Freetown, Dighton, Westwood, Methuen and Tyngsboro and in the city of Gloucester, which have, in its opinion, ceased to be useful or valuable in connection with its railway business. A public hearing was held on the petition on Nov. 24, 1916.
After consideration, it is Ordered, that under the provisions of chapter 462 of the acts of 1906, section 24, part III, as amended by chapter 153 of the general acts of 1915, the approval of the commission be hereby given to the sale by the Bay State Street Railway company of certain parcels of land, including buildings thereon and appurtenances thereto, acquired and held by said company as pleasure resorts, as follows:
Lakeside park in Freetown.
Dighton Rock park in Dighton.
Westwood park in Westwood.
Glen Forest park in Methuen.
Mountain Rock park in Tyngsboro.
Long beach resort in Gloucester.
HOYT.

BANDITS CAUSE THEATRE PANIC AT WORCESTER TAKE \$326

WORCESTER, Dec. 15.—In a most sensational robbery, three men looted the box office of the Plaza theatre on Front street last night of \$326, the receipts of the night from Mrs. Anna Trabant, the ticket seller, at the point of a revolver. After firing a bullet at Thomas McDonald, a theatre attendant, they escaped through a side door into an alley leading into Mechanic street. The men ran through North street into Foster street, and then into Cypress street, where they encountered Police Patrolman Albert R. Murphy, who succeeded in arresting one of the trio, James Cronin, aged 22, of Worcester. The others got away.
The yelling of Mrs. Trabant, followed by the revolver shot, threw the patrons of the house into a panic, and many of them dashed for the entrance while a few climbed over the footlights to the stage and escaped through the stage door. Miss Bessie Lester, who occupied the stage at the time, continued singing in an effort to quiet



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MUCH POWER IN BRITAIN'S NEW COUNCIL IS HELD BY THESE THREE STATESMEN



Unconventional portraits of three men who are leading powers in the new British war council are shown in the accompanying picture. No. 1, Arthur Henderson, Laborite, sending a letter to South African labor leaders; No. 2, Earl Curzon, unionist, government leader in the house of lords; No. 3, Andrew Bonar Law, unionist, who declined the premiership, but acts as leader of the government forces in the house of commons. He is seen here conversing with Viscount French, who commands the home forces in Great Britain, after having been relieved of the chief command in France.

LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER OLD AGE PENSIONS

(Special to The Sun.)
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 15.—A bill providing for the establishment of a system of non-contributory old age pensions will be submitted to the incoming legislature by the speaker, which has been considering social insurance problems during the summer and fall. The commission consists of six members of the last legislature—two senators and four representatives—and three members appointed by Governor McCall. On the question of reporting such a bill, the commission is understood to have divided five to four, the majority standing for a favorable report. In the majority are said to be Wendell P. Thore of Boston, John P. Meade of Brockton and Edna Lawrence Spencer of Cambridge, the commissioners appointed by Governor McCall; Rep. Eben K. Bowser of Wakefield, a republican, and Rep. and Senator-elect Edward G. Morris of Boston, a democrat.
The minority is made up of Senator Frank S. Eversworth of Leominster, Sen. Walter E. McLane of Fall River, Rep. Albert G. Catheron of Beverly and Rep. Harry C. Woodfill of Methuen, all of whom are republicans. Of these, Messrs. Eversworth and Catheron are to be members of the 1917 legislature.
HOYT.

Grace, andirons and fireplace goods
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FOR SETTLEMENT OF R. R. CONTROVERSY

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad who was chairman of the committee of railroad executives which met President Wilson and the brotherhood officials in Washington last summer when a railroad strike was threatened, today continued reports that informal con-

11 COAL LADEN FREIGHT CARS DERAILED

WORCESTER, Dec. 15.—The main line of the Boston & Albany railroad was blocked a few miles west of this city today when 11 coal-laden freight cars were derailed. As a result, through trains to and from Albany were detained over the Boston & Maine railroad through Springfield, Greenfield, Ayer and this city and trains between Boston and New York, New Haven & Hartford, and by way of Putnam and New London, Conn. Passengers on local lines were transferred around the wreck in special trolley cars.
The freight train, bound from West Springfield for Worcester, was passing the new Worcester station when the tuck of one of the cars broke, derailing that car and ten others. The cars were thrown across all the main tracks, which were damaged for a distance of 600 feet. No one was hurt.
Wrecking crews raced to clear one main line before noon.

ferences had been held by railroad representatives with brotherhood officials concerning a settlement out of court of the controversy between the railroads and their employees.
W. C. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, also announced at Evansville, Ind., last night that negotiations are under way between leaders of the four brotherhoods and operating officials of several railroads, leading to a settlement of the entire controversy before Jan. 1, when the Adamson law is to go into effect.
Both Mr. Lee and Mr. Holden said, however, that the discussions had not progressed far enough to suggest a basis for a permanent settlement. "I don't feel that I can say much

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BAKERS AND GROCERS ARE FACING PROSECUTION

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 15.—One hundred bakers and three hundred grocers in Massachusetts are facing prosecution on charges of selling bread which was under weight, or of selling bread in packages which were falsely marked, as a result of the investigation which has been carried on for several weeks under the direction of the state commissioner of weights and measures.
None of the accused men are doing business in Lowell, however, the commissioner's force having been so busy in other parts of the state that it has not yet had opportunity to secure and test samples of bread in that city.
Under the law, each baker and grocer against whom complaint is made must be given a hearing before the actual prosecution may be begun. The state commissioner has decided to immediately after the New Year he will have the local sealer in each place where there is alleged to have been a violation of the law issue a summons for each baker or grocer accused, compelling him to appear before the commissioner and show cause, if any, why he should not be prosecuted. For the bakers, there appears to be no escape from prosecution, but the law provides that a grocer shall not be prosecuted if he has a "guaranty signed by the wholesaler, jobber, manufacturer, dealer or other person from whom he purchased such articles to the effect that the same are correctly marked or labeled within the meaning of this act."
The prosecutions are the result of a widespread inquiry into the high cost of living made by the commissioner. A large corps of inspectors was sent out into each of eight districts into which the state was divided, and as a result of their efforts violations of law are charged against five bakers in the Boston district, 11 in the Beverly district, six in the Greenfield district, 21 in the Springfield district, 12 in the Fitchburg district, eight in the Brockton district, and 29 in the Worcester district. Of the grocers caught in the dragnet, there are 43 in the Worcester district, 49 in the Boston district, 32 in the Beverly district, 22 in the Fitchburg district, 25 in the Springfield district, 21 in the Brockton district, 26 in the Brockton district and 15 in the New Bedford district.
In his report, issued yesterday, the commissioner states that the bread laws of the state are defective in one important respect, because while they establish the weight of the unit weight for bread, they permit it to be sold in three-quarters, half and quarter loaves. Consequently, when bakers came to the conclusion that it was desirable to raise the price of their product, they reduced slightly the weight of what had been purely official loaves, and to date there has been no suggestion of an ultimate adjustment.
He says, "bread which was actually deficient in weight showed an apparent overweight."
He also announces that in his annual report to the legislature he will recommend that bread be sold hereafter only by weight, rather than by the loaf.
HOYT.

Pop corn, all shelled. The Thompson Hardware Co. has 11-6c pound.

GIFT OF \$300,000
BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The promise of a gift of more than \$300,000 has been received by the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, according to a statement made today by Dr. Frank Piper, a member of the board of trustees. Dr. Piper said that the donor, whose name he withheld, had agreed to make the amount available within two weeks in order to enable the trustees to sign a contract for the erection of a new building.
If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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Absolutely Pure
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No ALUM—NO PHOSPHATE
EAGLES, NOTICE
The next regular meeting of Lowell Aerie will be held Monday evening, Dec. 18, 1916, in Eagles hall, at 7:45 o'clock. Per order
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JOHN M. HOGAN, Secretary

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THRIFT CLUB? The Answer:
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You deposit each week for 50 weeks, or in advance as you choose. If you keep up your weekly deposits as above, we give you interest. At the end of 50 weeks we ask you to come in and take your accumulated money and interest. You cannot touch your money till the end of 50 weeks, beginning Dec. 15, but you may join the Club at any time before Jan. 1, 1917.
There are five classes of weekly payments:
25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00
For full term of 50 weeks.
25c weekly will amount to \$ 12.50 plus interest
50c Weekly will amount to \$ 25.00 plus interest
\$1.00 Weekly will amount to \$ 50.00 plus interest
\$2.00 Weekly will amount to \$100.00 plus interest
\$5.00 Weekly will amount to \$250.00 plus interest
Joining requires about one minute—very easy. Bring or send in your deposit. A deposit receipt book will be given you bearing your name. It will show each deposit when made.
At the End of 50 Weeks You Will Be Requested to Withdraw Your Total Deposit, Plus Its Earned Interest.
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HIGH COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Nothing has availed to check the increase of the cost of living in France. Bread only has escaped the tendency. Everything else considered, it costs at least 75 per cent more to live in France today than it did three years ago. War, of course, is the first explanation, but economic experts declare that difficulties of transportation and high freights form the chief factors and that these difficulties are due largely to the failure of the government to have ever carried out the projects for interior navigation which were urged by de Freycinet, Roulin and Audiffert, years ago. In the opinion of these same economic authorities the failure of France to realize these canal projects has been responsible for her anomalous position in the world-carrying trade.

Although some 200 to 500 miles nearer America and from 200 to 300 miles nearer the extreme (Oriental) markets than Antwerp or Hamburg, the French port of Marseilles before the war was surpassed by those Belgian and German ports in Central European trade to the east, while Bordeaux, Havre and other French Atlantic ports were far behind them in their trade with the Americas. The marvelous internal organization of navigation and transportation in Belgium and Germany enabled them to drain toward their ports nearly all the foreign bound traffic of Central Europe, though lengthening the route and increasing the time of delivery.

Thereby, for instance, is further from Antwerp than it is from Bordeaux, yet in 1912 Bordeaux received almost nothing from Switzerland, while Antwerp received 21,000 tons to be shipped by its longer route to European ports. In the same year Bordeaux received and forwarded to Geneva only 4500 tons, while

Antwerp was a way station for 44,000 tons going into Switzerland.

The new necessities created by the war, however, made Bordeaux the port for 35,000 tons of cotton and grain and other commodities en route for Switzerland in 1915. Economic authorities argue that with proper facilities four years ago Bordeaux would have received a fairly share of the 75,000 tons of incoming and outgoing Swiss traffic in 1912.

The question is one of the Rhine against the Rhone so far as concerns Central European traffic for which Switzerland acts as a sort of "turntable" and with it are connected indirectly the long discussed projects of the Rhine canal, the canal from Marseilles to the Rhone, and the canal from the Rhone to the Rhine with Marseilles and Bordeaux as the termini.

De Freycinet and other farseeing statesmen who elaborated these canal projects fell from power before they were realized, but economic authorities believe that the era of reconstruction after the war will see France turning first of all, in the matter of public improvement, to the question of transportation.

Two of the most important projected waterways remain to be built; one of them lateral to the Rhone will continue the system from Havre and Paris to Marseilles by way of Lyons and will enable the Rhone to compete with the Rhine for Swiss trade to the Mediterranean; another connecting the Rhone with the Dordogne—that is to say connecting Lyons and Marseilles with Bordeaux—will give Switzerland a shorter route to American ports than that by the Rhine.

The unrecalled rivalry of the stronger railroad interests is accused of having kept these projects as well as a shorter line, but of comparatively greater importance, in the north and east connecting the canals of the Escaut, the Meuse, and the Chiers, and serving as connecting link between the iron and coal districts.

Had the canals built and projected been in efficient operation at the beginning of the war, it is probable that they would have eased transportation difficulties so as to have kept the cost of living much nearer normal; they would at least have kept coal from going from 40 francs to 150 francs a ton.

IN BOSTON

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REAL WINTER BLIZZARD HITS NEW ENGLAND SENDS PEACE OFFER TO WASHINGTON

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—King Winter, heralded with a flurry of snowflakes and a chill northwesterly wind, mounted his throne yesterday and settled down, apparently for the season, bringing to Boston rich assurance of snow to come and to thousands of children the welcome prospect of a "white" Christmas.

A snowstorm which at times assumed the proportions of a blizzard had, before nightfall, mantled the city with nearly five inches of snow and, playing havoc with transportation, paralyzing shipping, interfering with telegraph and telephone service, delaying railroad trains throughout the length and breadth of New England and making conditions underfoot almost insurmountable for the thousands of pedestrians and Christmas shoppers in the downtown district.

Two distinct storms, likely at almost any minute to join forces, were headed for New England during the day, one, central over the Great Lakes and the northwest moved a considerable distance eastward during the day. The other, starting in the Carolinas, had swirled northward during the day along the Atlantic coast, and at midnight was central over Nantucket and heading swiftly for Boston and the northern New England states.

The snow in the city proper made its presence felt about on slippery sidewalks, automobiles trucks skidded and stalled on easy slopes and horses, innumerable floundered and fell in their tracks.

Cold Snap Coming

Starting early yesterday it was still storming this morning, with the temperature steadily dropping. The weather bureau officially predicted a cessation of the snow fall today, and

at the same time forecasted an unusually cold snap.

Only one fatal accident was reported, Catherine Deming, 12-year-old daughter of Mrs. Catherine Deming, of 100 Broadway, Chelsea, was blinded by the snow while crossing the street, and was struck by a passing automobile. She was taken to the Frost hospital, where it was found that her skull was fractured, and she died shortly afterward. Grayson Hardy, chauffeur of the machine, declared his vision was obstructed by the storm.

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COUNTRY'S BIG DAILIES OPPOSED PROJECT

PROPOSAL THAT FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION SUPERVISE DISTRIBUTION OF PRINT PAPER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Publishers of the country's larger dailies, it was indicated after a day of conferences here yesterday, will oppose as impracticable a proposal that the federal trade commission undertake supervision of the distribution of American- and Canadian-made news print paper made available in the United States. A publishers' committee will meet committees of manufacturers and jobbers and the federal trade commission today to consider an appointment plan suggested by the manufacturers.

Distribution under the federal trade commission, some of the publishers of big newspapers insisted yesterday, not only would be illegal, but would not solve the two most important problems facing newspaper owners—high prices and an alleged shortage of paper.

Consequently there will be an insistence that the manufacturers agree to increase production by diversion of papermaking machines back to the production of news print. Many machines are said to have been put on "cheaper" grades of paper, because there has been a greater profit in their manufacture.

While the publishers of the larger papers, as represented by officers of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and others, were meeting smaller publishers conferred to decide what should be their attitude toward the distribution proposal which many of their number believed because it would assure them of at least some supply of paper. Last night representatives of all the publishers met together to name a committee to meet the trade commission, the manufacturers and the jobbers today. They sought to amass the points in their favor as to their interest would permit them to avoid a division in their ranks as to day's conference.

Any distribution plan that might be worked out, according to the representatives of the large papers, would force the smaller publishers to accept on contract smaller quantities of paper for next year than their actual needs require. This, they declared, would force them into the open market for the remainder of the year, making it necessary for them to bid against the smaller newspaper owners, who do not buy on contract, or who buy in small quantities, thereby raising the price of paper to higher levels.

There was an indication of a growing belief among the publishers yesterday that a complaint filed with the department of justice against the paper manufacturers several days ago should be dropped. It charged collusion to raise prices and discrimination against certain manufacturers in refusing to sell to them.

Publishers who met here yesterday did not comment on news from New York that members of the federal trade commission who met manufacturers here had received a proposal that the commission take a part in the distribution of paper. It was known, however, that the committee would demand that any settlement may grow out of today's conference take into consideration the public situation.

Yesterday's conference in Washington, New York, was suggested by the trade commission. It was held at the Commodore Hotel, where the following committee met: J. P. Glass, chairman of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, declared there was no intention to put a standstill block in the way of a settlement and that a committee would be named.

The publishers were interested in the introduction in the house by Representative Campbell of Kansas of a bill which would prohibit discrimination in the sale of news print paper.

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\$2500 JEWELRY ROBBERY IN BROOKLINE

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Police and private detectives are searching New England and New York for robbers who broke into the residence of Carl A. Lehmann, of 67 Longwood ave., Brookline, manager of foreign exchange of the First National bank, and stole jewelry and silverware valued at \$2500.

The robbery happened Thursday afternoon while the Lehmanns and their maids were absent from the house, but owing to the family's desire to avoid publicity the police were not notified until yesterday.

From the appearance of the break-in, however, the police are of the opinion it was the work of two thieves who have been under suspicion for some time and arrests are expected within the week.

A \$1000 reward for their capture has been offered.

PASSAGWAY TRIBE—Passageway tribe, 22, Red Men, held a regular meeting last night with Walter G. Ryan as sashman. The officers for the next six months are: Prophet, Walter G. Ryan, sashman; Joseph D. Connor, secretary; Raymond P. Ryan, junior sashman; Edward J. Ryan, chief of records; A. W. G. Ryan, keeper of the wampum; Edward T. Ryan, collector of wampum; Raymond P. Ryan, sashman.

The deputy grand sashman will visit the tribe on Jan. 19 to raise the officers in their stumps. Progressive whist was played at the close of the meeting, and the prize winners were as follows: Miss M. E. Ryan, Miss Lena Quinn and Miss C. E. Ryan. The following program was given: "The Story of the Passageway Tribe," by Raymond P. Ryan; "The Story of the Passageway Tribe," by Raymond P. Ryan; "The Story of the Passageway Tribe," by Raymond P. Ryan.

SAVING THE INN ON FIRE—BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Seaside Inn, Nantucket, was threatened with destruction last night when a fire, started by a carelessly thrown cigarette, started in an old mattress lying beside the outside of the building.

The Hull fire department made a

record run of three miles in nine minutes through blinding snow and succeeded in keeping the damage down to \$100. Because of the dangerous locality and the high wind two alarms were sounded.

ARMORY NOTES—A school for the members of Company K, M.V.M., was held last evening at the state armory in Westford st. and the speaker of the evening was Sergeant Guy Brotherton of the regular army. At the close of the address the militiamen were given an opportunity to ask questions. The following committee has been appointed by Company G to supervise basketball, shooting and bowling for the winter: Corp. McQuestion, Cook St. Peter and Private Gendron.

POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION—At a recent meeting of the members of the Lowell Police Relief association the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Joseph Farley, president; James McNally, vice president; Frank Moore, treasurer; Hugh Downey, clerk; directors, Richard Coggin, Daniel Lynch, William Kenney, Frank Donovan, Thomas Wiltaker, Peter Cawley, Michael O'Neill, Patrick Conroy, Patrick Sullivan, A. Cossette and John J. Kelley.

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GARDNER'S PYROTECHNICS

Congressman Gardner, through resolutions introduced in congress, takes a strong stand against any move towards mediation by the United States with a view to peace in Europe. His motive is, that by moving for mediation at present we should incur the disrepute of France and England. He takes the stand that no peace should be favored except one that will compel the Germans to restore every acre of conquered territory, pay ample indemnities and disarm after the war as a guarantee of peace in Europe.

He cites the action of President Lincoln during the Civil war in ordering our minister to England to repudiate the slightest suggestion of mediation by any foreign government. Mr. Gardner outlines the conditions of peace which he would approve as just in the following terms:

1. That every acre of land shall be returned by the Central European Powers to the Nations which have been despoiled.
2. That ample indemnities shall be paid to the Entente allies, who have been fighting for civilization, and more especially to the smaller Nations, which have suffered the most from a murderous and unprovoked assault.
3. That by disarmament and disbandment of its troops Germany shall guarantee that the peace treaty is something more than a "scrap of paper."

It is not likely that congress will commit itself to any such interference as would be implied in the adoption of Mr. Gardner's resolutions. President Wilson urged the people of the United States to preserve neutrality as between the contending powers and the government has maintained its attitude in this respect, but such a measure as Congressman Gardner submits in opposition to mediation would be strongly opposed to the neutral policy. Even its introduction in congress seems to be highly impolitic. But it is part of the pyrotechnic policy which Mr. Gardner has pursued since the beginning of the war. The cool-headed men in congress will deal with that proposition in a proper manner. We are mistaken if Mr. Gardner will not hear some vigorous protests on account of his views on the terms of peace as expressed in the resolutions quoted.

HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACTS

The school board has taken the responsibility of insisting that the municipal council change its attitude on the matter of letting out the work on the new high school in separate contracts without calling also for general bids covering the entire work, if only as a basis of comparison.

This is merely a business proposition that does not at all discriminate against Lowell contractors or Lowell labor. It is not for the city's interests to have the money to be expended for the high school go out of town, but in conducting an undertaking of such large proportions, it is necessary to follow business methods in order to prevent the cost of the structure from exceeding what is fair and reasonable. We do not believe the school board in taking this stand has any intention of being unfair to local contractors who should receive all the consideration that can be given them consistent with the best interests of the city.

As the school board has shown, it has the power under section 55 of the charter to withhold its approval of any plan or contract for work to which it may have reason to object.

It thus appears that the action taken by the municipal council in favor of separate bids confined to local contractors, could take effect unless approved by the school board.

FEDERAL FLOUR MILL

From North Dakota bills a legislative genius who has introduced a bill in congress providing for the erection of a federal flour mill and bakery at the capital to demonstrate the real cost of flour and bread.

That measure may be laughed out of court, so to speak, but it would serve a good purpose if congress could give the wheat as cheaply as can the St. Louis flour manufacturers or the Chicago speculators. To go to the bottom of the cost problem as applied to flour and bread, however, it would be necessary to have a federal mill which of course might be well conducted under the direction of the agricultural department. Before the experiment could arrive at definite conclusions on the flour problem, somebody else would want demonstrations on the cost of meat, the cost of eggs, the cost of shoes and the cost of clothing. The North Dakota congressman may have but a vague idea of where his proposition may lead, as for his flour demonstration, if tried, it may excite as much curiosity and be as barren of results as was the recent Chicago demonstration of cheap living on the "dollar squad."

THE RAFFLE

The raffle, which has been prohibited in the U. S. since the Civil war, is again making a name for itself in the cities. As a rule it is conducted by parties who are very hypocrites in getting up money in such a manner. While those who are not opposed to the gambling spirit, might object to it and say nothing. The raffle has been given as much of a bad name as it can, when it has been used for the purpose of raising money for the relief of the poor.

But the raffle has been prohibited in Lowell by an act of the city council, and it is not likely that it will be revived.

The shoe shops in Lowell are now in a state of excitement, with it to such an extent that some men pay out several dollars every week for raffle tickets. There are various methods of conducting raffles and the tickets vary in price according to the basis given from which the

series starts, the increase being by arithmetical progression. The number of tickets is supposed to be regulated by the value of the prize. It is all a very common form of gambling in which out of a large number of tickets holders there can be but a single winner.

THE AUTO SHOW

The local auto show at the armory has given the people of this city and surrounding towns an opportunity to see the latest models and to become acquainted with what Lowell has to offer in every branch of this business. No mechanical development of modern times is more wonderful than the rapid growth of the automobile business and the application of motor trucks to all kinds of transportation.

It is creditable to our city to have first class agencies for all the standard cars, and to have garages equipped to do any kind of repair work at short notice. Lowell's auto show has been an eye opener for Lowell people on what the manufacturers are doing to perfect their machines so as to meet in the highest degree of perfection every demand for comfort, security, economy and durability.

THE BOSTON & MAINE

When a railroad goes under the hammer or into the hands of a receiver, it is wonderful how its value shrinks. The valuation of the Boston & Maine property in 1914 was set at \$131,508,800 and in 1916 at \$126,868,500. In 1917 a statement of the cost of construction gave the total as \$223,573,576. The ledger value of the property as it now stands is fixed at \$66,671,230, which according to Vice President Hobbs fairly represents the cost of the plant to the Boston & Maine, but not its present market value. The cost of a railroad, Mr. Hobbs asserts, is represented by the par value of its securities. The market value would be determined by other conditions, chief of which is the selling price.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION

We have not yet reached that high state of affluence prosperity that would warrant the expense of a governor's mansion on Beacon hill. Moreover, our governors, in all probability, would not feel able to maintain such a mansion unless the salary of the office be much increased. Such a mansion would call for costly sanitary functions to which some governors are strongly opposed. There are a good many other things we need much more than a governor's mansion which is being insisted by certain parties in Boston.

It is very unusual for the honor

degree in any contest in which their names are involved to do any public speaking. They have adopted a different policy in Boston and speakers are not advertising before and in some cases expending into public debates with the candidates. Probably the only way to get out of Boston on the day of the annual attacks on the "dollar squad" have given the opposition a great deal of trouble.

Another P. S. submarine is in town.

The Greatest Blessing

That a person can have a good eye-sight for Christmas. Further fitting glasses here. We can and in making

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bie. Our submarines are apparently in a class by themselves. They would need an escort, a tow boat and a pilot. It is about time the navy department would construct, borrow or buy a few submarines that would be good for something.

Congress will render this country a distinct service if it arranges to have our naval monsters, those super-dreadnoughts, so constructed that one of those little under water U-boats will not be able to hob up and send the whole stupendous outfit to the bottom.

The druggists of Springfield have increased the price of drugs and the hawk drivers of that city are hereafter to charge \$5 instead of \$4 as formerly for hawks at funerals. The cost of dying will soon be as high as the cost of living.

The Boston man who destroyed \$700 in bills when he decided to commit suicide must certainly have been crazy. What a number of families could have been given a fine Christmas dinner for that amount.

Any business firm that would show the artistic advertising ability displayed by Billy Sunday could not fail to prosper.

Seen and Heard

The weather forecast read "Fair on Friday." The weather clerk doesn't know much more about the weather than some of our city officials know about city affairs.

Animals Under Water

The ability of a beaver to remain under water for a long time is not really so tough a problem as it looks. When the lake or pond is frozen over a beaver will come to the under surface of the ice and expel his breath so that it will form a wide flat bubble. The air coming in contact with the ice and water is purified, and the beaver breathes it again. This operation he can repeat several times. The otter and muskrat do the same thing.

Bacon and Eggs

Margaret is a three-year-old, whose parents are fond of bacon and eggs, and Margaret has her share. One day in the country she heard, for the first time, a hen cackle.

"Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, "what does the hen say?"
"Well," the mother replied, "I suppose she says she has laid an egg."
Margaret did not seem to understand and after a moment's profound thought she came back again.
"What does the hen, mamma," she inquired, more seriously than before, "what does she say when she lays bacon?"—Judge.

Some Snake Story

A Denver paper contains what is probably the champion snake story of the decade—and hangs it on Los Angeles.

Herman Hertz, who, according to the paper, is a resident of Los Angeles, but whose name does not appear in the city directory, realized a fortune as the result of an encounter with a six-foot rattlesnake. Mr. Hertz, it appears, had been visiting in the desert near Wilmington, California, and had been out hunting until brought to a halt by a deep chasm that yawned in front of him. Mounting the fangs of the rattlesnake, he was

With rare presence of mind Herman halted on the brink of the hole and exhaled a mighty snort to the left hand. This strange maneuver disconcerted the reptile, which slid over the brink to its death.

Herman, so the tale runs, discovered a rich uranium deposit when he peered over the edge to watch the dying struggle of the rattlesnake. Secured an option on the property for a small sum and has been offered \$100,000 for the option by a Denver Syndicate.

Both Were Scared

A prospector named Whately, who was collecting specimens near Cooke, Mont., says the New York Evening Post, looked too long and decided to spend the night in the mountains. The weather was warm and pleasant and he stood his rifle against a tree and lay down to sleep. In the course of the night he was awakened by the heavy breathing of a large animal and an oppressive heat and disagreeable odor. He had the impression of something standing over him he lay perfectly still.

Soon there was a grunting and snorting close by his head, and he understood that he was underneath a grizzly bear. A cold sweat came over him, and Whately's rifle was out of reach. He had no knife and he feared that the grizzly might attack him at any moment. Acting on a sudden impulse, he doubled up his knees and with all his strength planted both fists and feet

simultaneously against the stomach of the bear.

It was a complete surprise for the grizzly, which was even more frightened than the man. It ran squealing and bellowing into the timber, while Whately, whose knees were knocking together with fright, gathered up his goods and struck out for Cooke City in the dark. He did not dare to pause until he was safe in the settlement.

The English Sparrow

It is to be noticed that the agitation for the destruction of the English sparrow is not meeting with unanimous approval, by any means. The advocates of the plan to have Johnnie get his gun, his traps and his poison out and rid the land of the bird are finding that there are those who oppose their idea on more grounds than one. In the first place the opponents of the idea claim that the sparrows should not be condemned without a hearing, and that they are in fact not worthy of the death penalty. They claim that they are a decided benefit to the farmer, and that they are much more good than harm, and of course those advocates have facts and figures with which to back up their claims. But there is another argument that undoubtedly carries much weight with thinking people. It is that it is a decidedly wrong thing to do to teach boys to take bird life of any kind; that if the birds must be destroyed they should be destroyed by authorized agents and not by children. Such a practice would not only teach boys cruelty, but would also encourage the idea of other birds being similarly used. There are some parts of Lowell such as hosts of these English sparrows that many are of the opinion that it would do no harm to thin them out, but if they do, as is claimed, rid us of the brown and gypsy moths, the tent caterpillars and such pests, then it might be well to cut out their usefulness before doing away with them.

Retrospection

Over yonder hill, down by the glade,
Aftimes in summer has I strayed
In thoughtful mood,
And paid the flowers that reared their heads
In field and wood.

Sweet gems fashioned by God's own hand,
Ye mind of the promised land
One'd by the cross,
The reach which man moun by their deeds
Flourish and blossom among the weeds
Of mortal dress.

Ye toil not, neither do ye spin,
Yet God's own beauty lurks within
Yer petals' heart,
Sae too may we when face to face
Re-embody share of God's own grace,
Nae mair tae part.

—Bernard D. Ward.

They Do Say

That Christmas shopping should be done today.

That yesterday was a touch of real Christmas weather.

That the Bunting club is planning a busy social season.

That a man will do many things just to feed his vanity.

That the annual winter baseball deals are being pulled off.

That Santa Claus is receiving his usual Christmas mail.

That disgruntled seem to be in order at the court house.

That the street peddler understands human nature pretty well.

That the weather was unkind to "Society day" at the auto show.

That the more safe shining ponds throughout the city the better.

That in the political life there are strange meetings and partings.

That the older a man becomes the more he prizes loyalty in others.

That straggled of their conceit some people would amount to much.

That one can have great old day dreams when watching the falling snow.

That the fumes who stayed out all night had no excuses to make to their wives.

That a question which gets many nature-taking answers is, "What is a salad?"

That, after all, the people do like to see things spluttering at council meetings.

That you can keep on the good side of some people by just going to them for advice.

That most of us are selfish enough to like the friend who listens much and talks little.

That if some people could write as cleverly as they talk, their fortune would be assured.

That one of the best aids to a bad temper is to telephone that goes on the line which is needed.

That there are always the Jackie Hoppers in the world looking for the plans to black pedestrians.

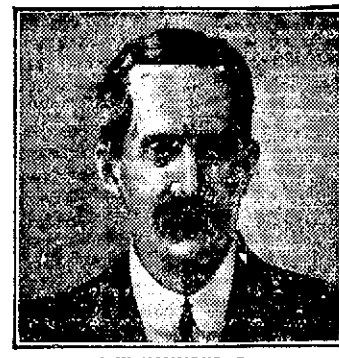
That there was great rejoicing in Powerhouse over the opening of the new bridge to pedestrians.

That one of the new commissioners was given a rousing welcome at the meeting of the mechanics this week.

That one general man at city hall whose job was said to be in jeopardy

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We have used them in the family for about two years and we would not use anything else as long as we can get "Fruit-a-lives". J. W. HAMMOND. Those who have been relieved by "Fruit-a-lives" are proud and happy to tell a sick or ailing friend about these wonderful tablets made from fruit juices. "Fruit-a-lives", the celebrated fruit medicine, has relieved more sufferers from Stomach, Liver, Bowel, Kidney and Skin Troubles than any other medicine ever discovered.

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has a promise of five votes, so he should worry.

That the newlyweds used to like gifts of silver and cut glass, but now a ton of coal or a barrel of flour wouldn't be so bad.

That when it comes to kiddies one ought not to draw the strap too tight around the neckbook. It doesn't cost much to make a child happy.

REPORT OF BIRTHS

Nov. 18—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Taylor, of 19 Weyman st., a daughter.

23—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chenevert, of 8 Dalton st., a daughter.

27—To Mr. and Mrs. George V. Hanson, of 7 Perry's Court, a daughter.

28—To Mr. and Mrs. Henri Hamilton, of 4 Hancock ave., a son.

30—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Smith, of 91 B. st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ferron, of 148 Worthen st., a daughter.

Dec. 1—To Mr. and Mrs. William J. McGahey, of 41 Whipple st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. William J. Eastman, of 150 Chapel st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick S. Sheridan, of 1 Dalton st., a daughter.

3—To Mr. and Mrs. George V. Charbon, of 23 Sixth st., a son.

2—To Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Dunson, of 26 Agawam st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Paxon, of 66 West Fourth st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bordenale, of 653 Broadway, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Bouine, of 74 Chapel st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joseph Loezowski, of 233 Dalton st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Spicer, of 181 Eleventh st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Pauline E. McElroy, of 732 Merrimack st., a son.

5—To Mr. and Mrs. Jan Wewiorski, of 33 Lockwood st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Lambert, of 503 Middlesex st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Morrill, of 178 Stevens st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Merrill, of 21 Davis st., a son.

6—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pavlek, of 18 Bay State Court, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell Hunt, of 271 Beacon st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stroz, of 15 Ward st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adolphe Marion, of 112 Martin st., a son.

5—To Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kane, of 111 Baldwin st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Omar Albard, of 321 Aiken st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. L. To Mr. and Mrs. Valentin St. a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Parla, of 111 Baldwin st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Paquin, of 111 Baldwin st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Shay, of 111 Baldwin st., a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goyette, of 111 Powell st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leandre, of 111 Powell st., a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Godeau, of 111 Powell st., a son.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Karore, of 111 Powell st., a son.

DUMA VOTES TO REJECT PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram company from Petrograd says:

"The duma has unanimously passed a resolution against the acceptance of the German peace proposals after a spirited speech by the minister of foreign affairs."

Resolution passed by popular chamber of Russian parliament.

"The duma, having heard the statement by the minister of foreign affairs, unanimously favors a categorical refusal by the allied governments to enter, under present conditions, into any peace negotiations whatever."

"The duma considers that a lasting peace will be possible only after a decisive victory over the military power of the enemy and after definite renunciation by Germany of the aspirations which renders her responsible for the war and for the horrors by which it has been accomplished."

La Baronne Huard, who will give an illustrated lecture on her recent experiences in the French war zone, at Colonial hall on Monday evening.

thrilled a Lowell audience last year when she told the story of the German advance and its consequences before the battle of the Marne. She is a large person of personal charm and her story is told in a simple, sincere way that brings home the great war tragedies more vividly than lofty rhetoric.

The baroness is an American by birth, daughter of Francis Wilson, the actor, and lover of America and France are often voiced in her thrilling story.

At one of the booths at the Allied Bazaar now being held in Boston is the story of France in the war as told in sketches by Baron Huard, who has served in the trenches, but the story of his beautiful wife is a more effective presentation of fact.

No admission will be charged on Monday evening and the baroness charges no lecture fee. She only asks for an opportunity to make a direct appeal to the citizens of Lowell. The necessary expenses will be paid by organizations interested in the work.

TEAMSTER KILLED BY FIVE-TON GIRDER

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A five-ton girder, breaking the truck that held it in place, killed a teamster, crushed down upon Michael Martin, teamster for the Fred J. Bush company, late yesterday afternoon, killing him instantly and nearly severing the head from his body.

The accident happened on Dorchester street, nearly opposite West Ninth, and for more than

SUN REAL ESTATE AND BUILDERS' PAGE

SNOW STORM INTERFERES WITH BUILDING JOBS

As a result of yesterday's snow storm practically all brick jobs of the city have been stopped, but only temporarily, for as soon as the snow disappears operations will be resumed. A number of contractors and individuals had started digging for foundations in various parts of the city but the ten inches of snow has handicapped the work of digging to such an extent that many jobs will be delayed until spring.

Pawtucket School

Work on the Pawtucket school addition, which is being done by D. W. Walker, was progressing rapidly until yesterday, but at noon it was found necessary to drop work and the men were sent home to await further orders. The brick walls are finished as high as the first story and as soon as the weather is favorable operations will be resumed and pushed along as rapidly as possible.

High School Annex

Work on demolishing the Kirk street church building for additional space for the new high school has been started. The contents of the building have been removed and most of the work has been done in the last week. The weather is favorable the men will start tearing down the brick work.

New Dwelling Houses

Princeton street is the scene of great

activity in the building line these days for numerous houses are being erected in that locality. C. H. Lequin has started the erection of two double houses in that street. Each tenement will contain six rooms with modern improvements.

Charles P. Witman has a gang of men working on the erection of four bungalows in Princeton street, near the corner of Holden street. Each bungalow will contain six rooms and the most modern improvements.

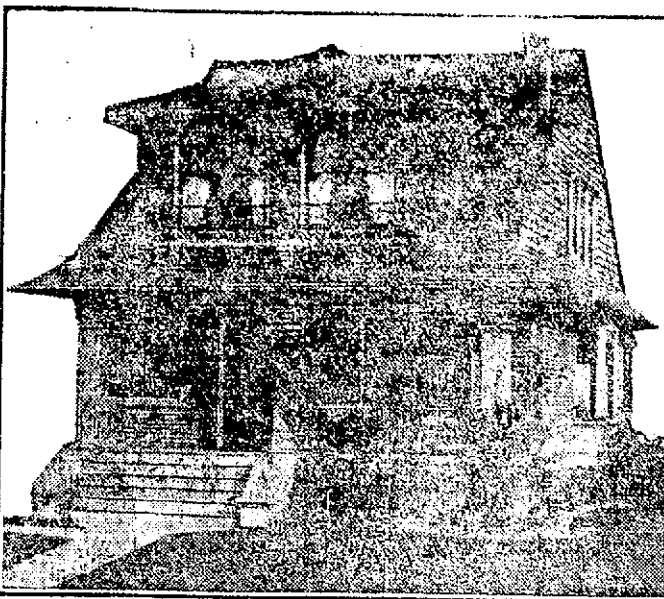
A. E. Simpson is erecting two cottages in Wyman street, each cottage to have six rooms, reception hall as well as pantry and bath.

J. Bailey has started work on the construction of a two-tenement house at the corner of Berkeley avenue and Rogers street, each tenement to contain six rooms.

Burgess-Lang Co.

The nine-story reinforced concrete fireproof building which is being erected by Burgess-Lang & Co., of Boston, in Middlesex street, is nearly finished and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by Jan. 1 unless something unforeseen should occur. The exterior of the building with the exception of windows is finished and even

A PICTURESQUE LIVING ROOM



PERSPECTIVE VIEW—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



INTERIOR VIEW—LIVING ROOM

The fireplace is the main feature in the living room of this picturesque cottage. The brick is of a tile that tends to change colors of brown, red and green when there is a fire, and the effect on the surroundings is indeed more pleasing. The buffet in the dining room, with the short windows above, adds beauty as well as abundant light to this room. There is a petted alcove between the living and dining rooms, with china closet space on one side. Cost to build, exclusive of heating and plumbing, about \$3500.

The elevator cabin on the roof has been completed. The floors have been laid as high as the seventh story and yesterday for the first time the heating apparatus was started and given a test. It is said that the floor space is renting fast and before a few months it is expected every floor will be occupied by mercantile establishments of some kind.

Building Permits
The building permits issued at the office of the inspector of buildings during the past week were as follows:

To E. A. Simpson for the erection of a dwelling house of seven rooms at 2 Fairmount street at a cost of \$4000; to Henry Achin, for the erection of a two-tenement house, nine rooms to each tenement, at 9 Plymouth street, at a cost of \$3300; to Erol Greenberg, for the construction of a three-family dwelling, six rooms to each tenement, at 102-104 Grand street, at a cost of \$3500; to the Standard Building Co., for the erection of a bottling factory at the corner of Westford and Steadman streets at a cost of \$3000; to Walter F. Queenan for the construction of a one-apartment house at the corner of High and Porter streets at a cost of \$2500; to the Lowell Realty Co., for the construction of a seven-room house at 115 Hildreth street at a cost of \$2000; to Miller Roux for the construction of a garage at 80-82 Methuen street at a cost of \$500; to Eva M. Wright for the construction of two piazzas to her property, numbered 320 Wilder street at a cost of \$500; to Mary C. Varum to convert a blacksmith shop into a store at 29 Varum street at a cost of \$200; to E. A. Long for the building of a carriage shed at 1489 Middlesex street at a cost of \$250; to A. C. Varum for the building of a foundation at the corner of Riverside street and Oxford street for the building of a garage at a cost of \$250; to Lucy Staples for the building of an addition to her property, numbered 3 Quinby avenue, at a cost of \$200; to A. L. Paine for the building of a garage at 1190 Varum avenue at a cost of \$500; to E. A. Goyette for the building of an addition to his property, numbered 116 St. Pleasant st., to Richard Bray for alterations to his building, numbered 23 Bellerose avenue, at a cost of \$75; to Andrew and Louise Keefe for repair of fire damage to the property located at the corner of School and Broadway at a cost of \$50.

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REAL ESTATE DEALERS
Thos. H. Elliott
Thos. H. Elliott, offices 64 Central st., cor. Prescott, reports the following sales negotiated during the past

had no confidence in the superintendent. The four other sections contained charges of a serious nature. Of course Mr. Putnam demanded a hearing and rejected it. His counsel called for specifications on all charges and the hearing was held covering several days. The result of the hearing was that Mr. Putnam was exonerated from all wrong-doing.

But despite the exonerated of Putnam on Sept. 4, 1914, a motion was made to oust Putnam and it was carried by a vote of 3 to 2. Mayor Murphy voting with Morse and Brown to oust the superintendent after his exonerated. The mayor explaining that his action was based on the first and sixth charges only, to wit, good of the service, and lack of confidence on the part of Commissioner Morse in his superintendent.

The Hennessy Case
This year we had the Hennessy case in February, when Commissioner Duggan offered an order for the removal of Mr. Hennessy, again for the good of the service, simply explaining it by stating that the election of another city solicitor would result in greater efficiency and more prompt conduct of the affairs of the office. This order did not go through. Commissioner Morse made the motion to oust Mr. Hennessy, prefacing it with a little speech in which he said that men in political office should expect to be elected for life, while all stoutly maintained that they had no charges to make against Mr. Hennessy, who nevertheless was ousted, as stated, merely for the good of the service.

Former Mayor Murphy had no charges to make against Mr. Duggan, but wanted the place. The former mayor and Commissioner Morse established abundant precedents for Mayor O'Donnell to order the

week ending Friday, Dec. 15.

Final papers have been passed in the transfer of a parcel of investment property situated in the rear of 349 Lawrence street. The land involved approximately 10,000 square feet, the assessment being at the rate of 20¢ per foot and totaling on the land buildings \$5000. The buildings on the property comprise a two-apartment house and an old fashioned cottage, the latter being one of the earliest constructed in this section of Lowell. The parcel is sold on behalf of the heirs of the late St. Wm. C. Sherman, the latter being Arthur W. Sherman. Mr. Sherman plans extensive improvements and alterations.

Contracts have been closed on the purchase and sale of a fine investment parcel in the Centralville section and near Lowell street. It consists of five houses and land approximately 12,000 square feet. The houses have from 6 to 10 rooms each and are all equipped with baths. The assessment is at the rate of 15¢ per foot. The sale is effected on behalf of local owners who have held the property for some years past for purposes of investment, the purchaser being also a local man who will retain the property as in the past for investment.

Persons have been bonded on the purchase and sale of a handsome building situated on Clark road in the Belvidere section. The land involved totals 15,500 square feet and has a street frontage of 100 feet. The lot is one of the most desirable in the Andover street section and is absolutely level and nicely adapted to building purposes. It affords an extended outlook to the west over Belvidere hill. The transfer is negotiated on behalf of a local business man, the purchaser also being a local man who will erect a fine residence during the coming season. Names and full details will be given on the presentation of final papers in the immediate future.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

For the Week Ending Dec. 15, 1916

LOWELL
Avila Sawyer et ux. to Damazo P. Matte et al., land and buildings on Moody st.
Clina H. Drake to Annie Regan, land and buildings on Manchester st.
Mabel E. Lambert et al. to Alice E. Ronin, land and buildings, corner Vanalant and West Bowers sts.
Alice E. Ronin to John H. Lambert et ux., land and buildings, corner Vanalant and West Bowers sts.
James E. Burdett to Charles E. Knapp et al., land and buildings on West Fourth st.
Joseph Powers to The Standard Bottling Co., land, corner Westford and Steadman sts.
Mabel B. Cushman to Lowell Electric Light corporation, land and buildings on Lawrence st.
Ephraim H. Spodding et ux. to Avila Sawyer, land and buildings on Avenue and White sts.
Samuel E. Smiley et ux. to Ethel E. Parker, land on Sander ave.
William D. Barry to Katherine G. Barry, land and buildings on New School st.
Anna Zucker et al. to Ida P. Farrington, land and buildings on New School st.
Florence J. MacKenzie et al. to Juliet G. Spaulding, land and buildings on Hawthorn st.
Arthur P. Atwood et ux. to Joseph A. Neenan, land and buildings on Merrimack and John sts.
John H. McCue et ux. to William H. Saunders et ux., land and buildings, corner Appleton and Pearl sts.
James A. Riley et al. to Annie Regan, land on Manchester st.
David C. Galt et ux. to Annie Regan, land and buildings on Manchester st.
Philip Riley by adm. to Annie Regan, land and buildings on Manchester st.
Bicycle & House Co. to Will T. S. Bartlett, land in Pawtucketville.
Grace A. Smiley et al. to Ethel E. Parker, land and buildings on South Branch, Stevens and West Forest sts.
Ethel E. Parker to Saml E. Smiley, land and buildings on Sanders ave., South Branch, Stevens and West Forest sts.
Anna Zucker et al. to Eva P. MacLellan, land and buildings on Pearl st.
Mabel E. Ansel et al. to Aaron J. Harris et al., land on Plain and Montfort sts.
Margaret W. Merrill et al. to Simon Isaac, land corner Bourne and Otis sts.
Fred E. Nelson et ux. to Frank A. Groves, land on Clark road.

BILLERICA
Annie Slowe by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Ridgeway ave.
James O'Brien by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Holly st. and Bridge road.
John T. Murphy by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Montrose st.
Hester Murphy by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Heaton st.
Mabel Moore by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Bridge st.
John McKenzie by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Main st.
David C. Galt by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Heaton st.
John B. Galt by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Pine and Knoll sts.
Timothy Driscoll by coll. to town of Billerica, land on High st.
Michael J. Carroll by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Adams road.
Mary J. Campbell by coll. to town of Billerica, land on Adams road.

High Cost of Living
Even the city of Lowell is bumped hard by the high cost of living. The paper department which deals largely in fuel, food and medicines getting the hardest bump. The price of practically everything purchased for the paper department has jumped. The paper department has been obliged to pay in the vicinity of \$5000 more for its supplies this year than it paid for the same amount of supplies one year ago. The cost of paper alone is 10¢ higher than one year ago. Another increased item of expense to this department is the dependent mothers' appropriation. This has been growing annually, and it is an obligation imposed upon the city by the state, over which the city has no control.

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Emma S. Emery to Frank H. Alexander, land.
Margaret Giuglia et al. to Rocco Falcone et al., land and buildings on Ashmont and Marlon sts.
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Suburban Land Co., Inc., Boston, to Annie E. Polazzo, land at Wilmington Square park.
Abba A. Cowdrey et al. to Mary Elizabeth Cogswore, land and buildings on Shawheen ave.
James E. Jones et al. to William Williams, land on Jones and Faulkner aves.
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CARLISLE
Mary A. E. Marshall et ux. by admx. to George L. Cady & Sons, land.

CHELMSFORD
Harold Selfridge to Lowell Textile company, North Chelmsford, land.

Adelbert B. Adams to Frederick Russell, land on old road from North Chelmsford and road by Clement Upham's land.

Adelbert B. Adams to Frederick Russell, land on road to Westford and a cross road.

James S. Butterfield to James W. Stevens, land on Tyngsboro road.

James W. Stevens et ux. to Flora E. Potter, land on Tyngsboro road.

James W. Stevens et ux. to E. Albert Maloney, land corner Tyngsboro road and Butterfield st.

Arthur M. Warren et ux. to Antonio C. Molin, land on road from South Chelmsford to Billerica.

DRACUT
Alfred Newsholme et ux. by tr. et al. to Mary E. Newsholme et al., land and buildings.

Leavitt R. J. Varum et al. to Frank Borczyk et al., land on Kearsarge and Kenmore sts.

Leavitt R. J. Varum et al. to Marion Asadorian et al., land on Bellevue ave.

Julia E. Hamblett et al. to Isaac J. Russell, land on old road from Lowell to Pelham, N. H.

NEWBURY
Moses S. Page et al., trs., to Derilda Lester, land corner Concord st. and Cedar ave.
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THE SPELLBINDER

The attempted removal of Superintendent of Police Raymond Welch by Mayor O'Donnell, this week, caused much commotion and much surprise. There was some surprise that the mayor brought up the matter without being sure of the necessary number of votes.

It was a well known fact that there has been a lack of cordial co-operation between the mayor and the superintendent, and the latter showed it quite plainly in his letter and interview back in October, when the mayor asked him for his attitude. It was also well known that there is a lack of harmony between the superintendent and some of the men under him, and the superintendent also admitted this in his letter.

With precedents furnished by former Mayor Murphy and Commissioner Morse, Mayor O'Donnell ordered an order of removal for the good of the service, specifying wherein the service would be improved, and Commissioner Morse who already had acted in the cases furnishing the mayor's precedents, raised the principal objection to the mayor's action, and called for a hearing. In making his order of removal Mayor O'Donnell presented it in writing as is customary and gave his reasons as provided for in section 40 of the charter. The mayor's order of removal was probably the nearest in complete accord with the law of any order of removal that have been brought since the adoption of the new charter, and yet the attempt was unsuccessful, because the votes were not there.

The Other Removals
Let us go back to the removal of Michael J. Dowd, former superintendent of charities. On March 26, 1914, an oral motion was offered that the office of superintendent of charities of the city of Lowell be declared vacant for the good of the service. That was the motion in its entirety. Commissioner O'Donnell asked that the city solicitor be called in to give his opinion as to the legality of the method of procedure as it was the first case of the kind to be brought up. The city solicitor expressed the opinion that such a motion was not proper, and it was ordered by a vote of 4 to 1, that the motion be withdrawn.

Later in the year came the Putnam matter. Com. Morse was anxious to get rid of Putnam who was at that time superintendent of streets, and probably to make assurance doubly sure, Commissioner Morse preferred some charge against him, and the order of removal was made. The mayor, however, the first asked his removal, for the good of the service; the sixth, because the commissioner asked it because the commissioner

had no confidence in the superintendent. The four other sections contained charges of a serious nature. Of course Mr. Putnam demanded a hearing and rejected it. His counsel called for specifications on all charges and the hearing was held covering several days. The result of the hearing was that Mr. Putnam was exonerated from all wrong-doing.

But despite the exonerated of Putnam on Sept. 4, 1914, a motion was made to oust Putnam and it was carried by a vote of 3 to 2. Mayor Murphy voting with Morse and Brown to oust the superintendent after his exonerated. The mayor explaining that his action was based on the first and sixth charges only, to wit, good of the service, and lack of confidence on the part of Commissioner Morse in his superintendent.

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NAT. LEAGUE MAY ABOLISH THE BLEACHERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Permanent abolition of the bleacher seats—the 25 cent seat—is foreseen in the action of the National league favoring a reduction of the seats in this popular section of the baseball grandstand to a minimum.

In cities like Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Cincinnati, where there are more than 100,000 of the bleacher seats, the price for the majority of these seats next season will be raised to 50 cents, it is stated and several of the club owners assert that in another year the 25 cent seat will be abolished.

Prior to adjournment yesterday the magnates of the National league took further action for a curtailment in operating expenses by recommending unanimously a trenchant in players' salaries. These players who have for the past three years enjoyed an inflated compensation as a result of the Federal league war will be hit the hardest, it was stated.

Changes in the rules governing the world's series as proposed by August Herrmann and President Tener were recommended by the league. These included the provision that the players of the two teams competing in the series receive a stipulated amount and that a percentage of the receipts be divided among the players on the other clubs finishing in the first division of each league. By this plan it was claimed, interest would be stimulated among the second division clubs in their efforts to finish "within the money." After the plan is drawn up in definite form it will be submitted for approval at a meeting of the two leagues next February.

HERRMANN REMAINS
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The annual meeting of the National league came to a close yesterday afternoon without any radical action having been taken and without the expected clash of arms between Garry Herrmann and Barney Dreyfuss.

Short Skirmish
These two militant factors had a short skirmish in the forenoon over the slider case, when Dreyfuss stated that the draft rule was bad and that the Pittsburgh club had suffered severely from unfair legislation. Hostilities were prevented by the call to lunch and the reconciliation of the dining table.

During the day President Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgh club endeavored to get his brother club magnates to agree to a reorganization of the national commission.

He based his plea for the proposed change on the outcome of the slider case and claimed that the commission should be made non-partisan by appointing some person unaffiliated with baseball as chairman in place of Herrmann.

Just how this could be done or who he thought might prove to be a capable "outsider" for the position was not learned from the Pittsburgh club owner's remarks.

Herrmann Willing
Chairman Herrmann, in reply, stated that he was willing to resign from the commission if such action would benefit organized baseball, but all of those present except Dreyfuss declared they did not relish any change in the personnel of the supreme court of baseball and that the subject, which had caused much comment and controversy during the week, was dropped there.

One of the measures that came up was in regard to the world's series playoffs. The National league went on record as favoring a division of the receipts among all the eight clubs, with the leading clubs, of course, benefiting. This was referred, however, to the national commission for action.

A committee on playing rules, including Tener, Heydler and Dreyfuss, was appointed. The committee on constitution will include Voegelman, Baker and Herrmann.

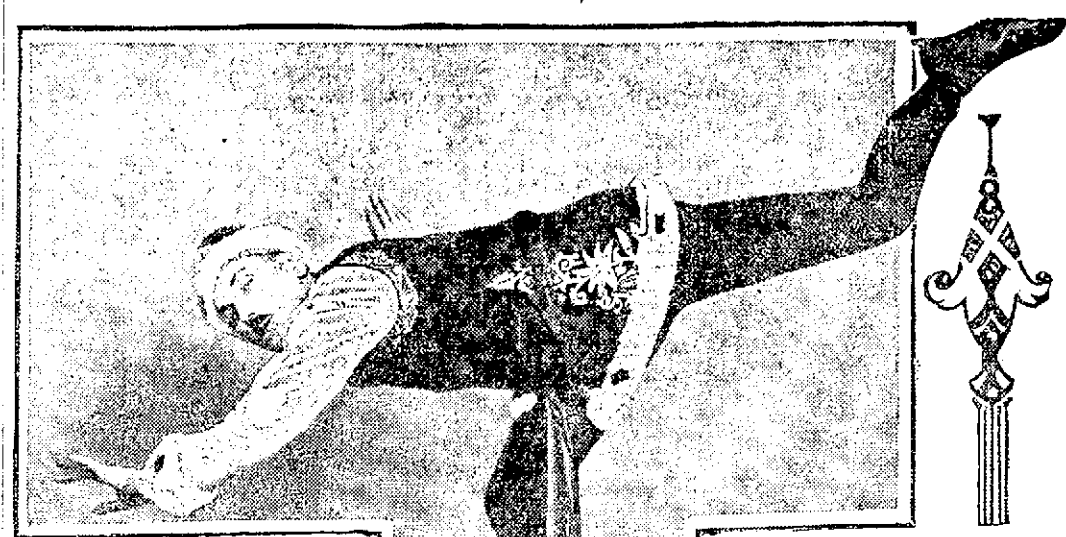
It was voted that hereafter the National league will have two meetings during the playing season. The new league contract was not unanimously approved as the 16-day clause was objected to and the document was sent back to the national commission for revision and to be passed upon at the next meeting.

It was voted that hereafter major league clubs may play anti-season games between clubs of the same league, but these must be played at training grounds.

The drafting clause submitted by Dreyfuss last year, and which is intended to give the weaker clubs the advantage in the draft, was officially approved.

Big Trade On
A big trade between Chicago and Philadelphia is now under consideration, and will probably be pulled off late tonight or early tomorrow forenoon. Lavender of the Cubs is mentioned as the player that Chicago is considering sending to the Philadelphia club, while Demaree of the Quakers is one of the Philadelphia's under-

HARRY PAULSEN, NORWAY'S GREAT FANCY ICE SKATING CHAMPION, CHALLENGES THE WORLD



NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—There is war among the European fancy ice skating champions now in this city—that is, war of the steel blade variety, which is settled by supremacy on the icy surface. During the past couple of months nearly every ice skater of note in Europe has come over to this country in search of more fame and money. At present there are at least a dozen fancy and speed ice skaters who claim all kinds of titles in this city. To settle who is the champion of champions the promoters have suggested that they meet in competition and the winner to be called the real honest to goodness champion. As a

starter Harry Paulsen, who hails from Norway and who claims the championship of the world, has come out with a challenge to any fancy ice skater in the world to meet him. Thomas Healy of "Golden Gate" fame says he will back Paulsen for any amount against any man in the world, but none in a fancy ice skating contest. Paulsen claims he has met and outskated every ice blade artist of note abroad and is more than anxious to demonstrate his superiority over his rivals in a contest here. Photo shows Paulsen doing one of his fancy stunts.

ley entered Exeter, and here he starred at baseball, football and track events. It was during his stay here, that he had the honor of being selected to represent the United States at the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden. Brickley was then but 15 years old, and his selection proved a good one, for he performed in remarkable style in competition with the greatest athletes from all parts of the world. After the games Brickley traveled through Europe. His fame had preceded him everywhere he went and consequently he was received with great receptions throughout his trip.

CHARLIE BRICKLEY TO SPEAK HERE MONDAY

FAMOUS HARVARD ATHLETE TO ADDRESS SACRED HEART HOLY NAME BOYS' CLUB

Charlie Brickley, the famous Harvard football star and at present coach of the Boston college, will make his first appearance in Lowell on next Monday night when he will address the Holy Name Boys' club of the Sacred Heart parish in the school hall.

Brickley is coming here on the invitation of Rev. Henry Burns, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church, who was a schoolmate of the noted athlete in Exeter. Brickley is an eloquent speaker and his vast experience in all branches of athletics makes him an authority on all kinds of the game.

The great star, who while at Harvard achieved a record never before equaled, and which will probably never be surpassed, began his successful athletic career while at Everett high school. During his four years at Everett he was captain of the baseball, football, basketball and track teams, and in all branches he excelled, and his fame spread throughout New England. Experts who watched him perform predicted a wonderful college career for him, and subsequent events proved that the authorities had good grounds for their prediction.

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Against Yale, in 1912, Brickley scored 12 of the 20 points, a touchdown and two field goals being his contribution. The next year Brickley started right in to further increase his fame, by beating Princeton by the score of 10 to 0, a field goal being his only contribution to the score. This was accomplished on a muddy field, during a heavy rain, and the feat was pronounced by Walter Camp the greatest field goal ever kicked.

Against Yale that year Brickley not only won the game for Harvard, but set up the greatest record ever established in college football. He kicked five field goals.

Brickley was elected captain of the Harvard eleven in 1914 and, despite the fact that he was forced to undergo an operation that was expected to further an impediment to his career, in 1914 he also gained great prominence at baseball. In the final game of the series with Yale the score stood 2 to 1 in favor of the Blue in the ninth inning. Brickley came to bat, with a man on second, and by knocking out a two-run home run he won the game for Harvard. This was a record that has never been equalled.

These are some of the records that will be discussed by Mr. Brickley on Monday night, and inasmuch as the affair is free to all members and friends the indications are that a record attendance will turn out to greet the famous athlete.

BIG RUNNING RACE AT ROLLAWAY TONIGHT

Long Dorian of the Boston and James C. Jones of the O.M.C. club, will have a race at 10 o'clock tonight. The race will be held at the Rollaway track, and will be a very exciting one. The race will be held at the Rollaway track, and will be a very exciting one.

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M'FARLAND AND JOEY CONNOLLY BOX DRAW

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—For some unknown reason, Peabody Eddie Flynn failed to put in appearance for his battle with Joey Connolly at the Commercial A.C. last night. Tommy McFarland, that tough North End volunteer, substituted for Flynn despite the fact that he had participated in a 12-rounder the night before. Because of the last minute substitution, a draw, it both were on their feet at the finish, was agreed upon.

The bout turned out to be another of those Connolly-McFarland affairs, tough and interesting throughout. The real battle of the show was the semi-final event in which Gloucester Joe Rivers knocked out Bill Casey of South Boston in the last round of the eight-rounder. It was a great battle, and the crowd was on its feet at the time of the knockout. Casey was put down with a punch, but got to his feet again. He was weary and several more swabs sent him down again.

Stevie O'Brien again demonstrated that he is a lot of promise by taking the first three rounds of the eight rounds. Young Rocky of South Boston, substituting for Hastings Hurley of Charlestown, beat Tommy Fox in a five-rounder.

STEEL GETS DRAW
FRANKLIN, Dec. 16.—State Steel of Framingham, Mass., drew a draw with Frankie McManis of Framingham, Mass., in the final round of the eight-rounder. It was a great battle, and the crowd was on its feet at the time of the knockout. Casey was put down with a punch, but got to his feet again. He was weary and several more swabs sent him down again.

WILSON BEATS SAVAGE
NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 16.—Jack Savage of Newport, R. I., won a decision over Wilson in a ten-rounder. The fight was a very exciting one, and the crowd was on its feet at the time of the knockout. Casey was put down with a punch, but got to his feet again. He was weary and several more swabs sent him down again.

MEETING POSTPONED TILL NEXT TUESDAY

Workington, Dec. 16.—The meeting of the local branch of the O.N.T. for the purpose of electing a new president was postponed until next Tuesday. The meeting was postponed due to the illness of the president-elect, and the new president-elect will be elected at the next meeting.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—"Reincarnation" of the progressive party with "a new sense of party independence" based upon "the new liberal spirit," was agreed upon at a conference of prominent progressives from several states, held here yesterday.

Funds were subscribed to open a national progressive headquarters in this city until the national convention meets in St. Louis. Permission for these leading progressives who have made party mistakes to re-enter the party was discussed but no action was taken.

A surmise also was given to those who seemed to fear that the "reactionary group of progressives" might gain control of the St. Louis convention, that only those known to be "loyal and true progressives" who had refused to go over to the republicans or democrats would have a voice in organizing the new party.

The conference, which was called by Matthew Hale of Boston, national vice-chairman of the progressive party, lasted three hours. Mr. Hale was authorized to select a committee to plan for the national convention about Washington's birthday. Its members will be announced later.

A pocket knife always makes a good present. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a fine assortment.

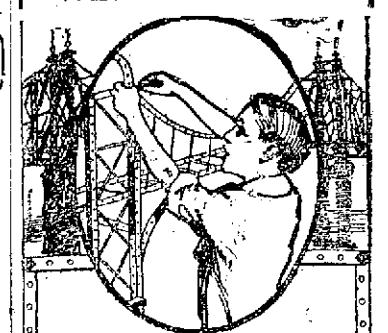
BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Alphonsus Fargotti was before Judge Duff in the municipal court yesterday afternoon on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on Sgt. Corcoran of Station 1 with intent to kill; with assault with a dangerous weapon on officers O'Hara and Cogan, and with inciting a riot in North sq. on the night of Dec. 6.

He pleaded not guilty. On the charge of inciting a riot, he was discharged. On the other counts, probable cause was found and he was held for the grand jury in \$4000.

Fargotti was arrested with 16 other men on the night of Dec. 6. There was a meeting in North sq. which broke up in a riot. A couple of shots were fired and two policemen stabbed.

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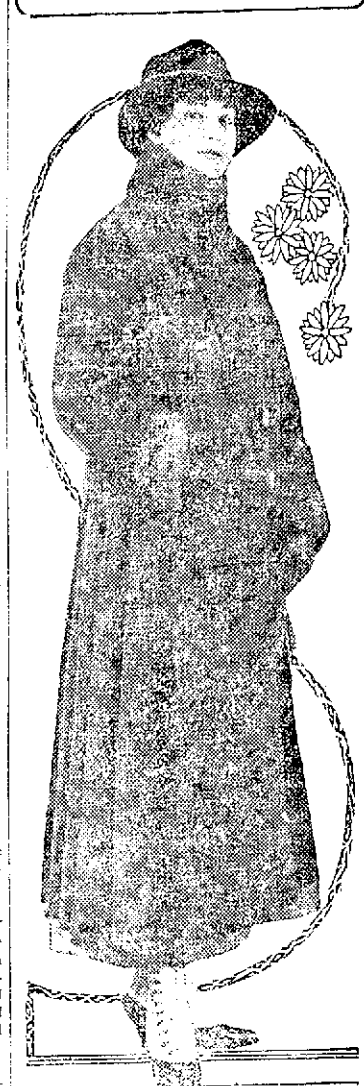
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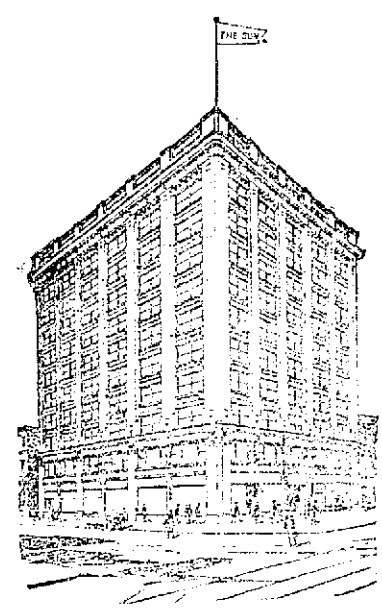
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LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex ss., Probate Court.

To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of Nora Cumfille, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased. Whereas Joseph J. Cumfille, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased, together with the legacies and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-eighth day of December, A.D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

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To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of Mary E. Kelly, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas Joseph J. Cumfille, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased, together with the legacies and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the third day of January, A.D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen. F. M. ESTY, Register.

A German prize crew, fled their brief in the supreme court yesterday, contending that under the Prussian-American treaty the vessel became German property, entitled to asylum in American waters when she was captured from her British master. Arguments will be heard Jan. 5.

BRIEF ON THE APPAM FILED

German Claimants of British Steamer, Captured by Raider, Appear in Federal Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—German claimants to ownership of the steamer Appam, brought into Newport News by the Sun's is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

SLEEPYTIME TALES

SPOOK'S FISHING TRIP

Once upon a time Spooks ran off down to the brook to catch some little fish. Spooks knew that right now there would be a lot of them swimming around in the water or darting up to the surface to catch a fly. So she had down near the bank to watch. She kept very quiet for she didn't want any of the fish to know she was there. For if they saw her they would swim away. So she watched her head down in the soft mud as far as she could and waited.

All at once a big fish came swimming past but Spooks was very close and didn't put out her paw one little bit. You see she knew it was swimming so fast it would get by before she had time to get it and that would make a big splash and scare the others away. Just as Spooks was beginning to get very tired and think after all, her paw came back home and moovy very loud so Spooks would give her some dinner. She saw four or five nice plump fishes come out of the

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the fact that the French losses were singularly small. The large number of prisoners, according to latest advices, nearly 9000, is an indication of the surprise nature of the onset.

The news of the victory was received in Paris with enthusiasm as a welcome relief to the gloomy tidings from Rumania. Gen. Nivelle is the man of the hour. His latest achievement justifies, it is felt, his choice as commander in chief and augurs well for his future.

The French plan of attack was drawn up by Gen. Nivelle, now the commander in chief, with the concurrence of Gen. Petain, who at the time was his superior officer. The assault proper was left to Gen. Mangin. It was made by five divisions or close to 100,000 men, under command of such leaders as Gen. de Maude, Hux and Gen. du Passage.

The front which the French infantry had held since the capture of Douaumont and Vaux ran thus:

The southern slopes of Popper Hill, east of the village of Vaux, to the Vacheriauville-Haudmont road, Haudmont quarries, the region north of the village, Fort Douaumont, the quarries northeast of Fort Douaumont, the small wood southeast of Fort Douaumont, Haudmont wood, the village of Vaux and the fort of Vaux. Beyond that line Gen. Nivelle had distributed groups of powerful batteries which for 70 hours before the attack hammered the German position, particularly those on Popper Hill and those at Haudmont and Bezonvaux.

From the positions occupied by the French the line of heights, some dominating the German positions but others being under the direct fire of their opponents. To improve and strengthen their line it was necessary to wrest from their adversary the famous Popper Hill, Douaumont, the crest of Hill 272 which commands Fossees wood, La Banche and Haudmont wood, north of Douaumont fort, as well as the important works at Haudmont, west of Douaumont and north of Vaux, and, if possible, the village of Bezonvaux, most of which lies on the crest of Hill 272.

The French church of this village is on the southern slopes of Hill 272, upon the other side of which lies the village of Ormes, one of the first towns carried by the Germans at the beginning of their victorious advance.

Promptly at 10 a. m. the five attacking divisions, each of which consisted of a front of one and one-quarter miles, advanced behind the screen of new guns of all calibers. They were swarmed rapidly into the German trenches. The German troops in these positions, surprised by the suddenness of the attack, offered comparatively little resistance.

In the village of Vacheriauville where the Germans had installed a quantity of machine guns, the struggle was sharp, but none the less short. More to the east the French formations charged the slopes of Popper Hill, capturing all before them. As they rushed to the attack the soldiers cheered and from time to time the "Marseillaise" roared by the strong throated pillars could be heard above the chorus of the cannon.

With Vacheriauville and Popper Hill in the hands of the French, the crest of resistance would be futile, and they retired in fairly good order. On the Vacheriauville-Douaumont road, however, French troops suddenly appeared in the rear of the Germans. The French had crept along a small ravine running from Popper Hill to this road, and the Germans, who had been fighting the battle of attrition, were taken by surprise.

East of Douaumont another division reached the Louvaumont-Vaux road. South of the angle formed by this road at the southeastern horn of Fossees wood a sharp fusillade took place for possession of Hill 272, but here again the Germans went down before the vigorous efforts of their assailants, abandoning the ground and leaving many dead and several hundred prisoners.

Louvaumont was stormed by the French and a large contingent of prisoners was rounded up.

Northeast of Douaumont the advance of the French troops was equally rapid. The woods of La Banche and Haudmont and the Haudmont positions were carried successfully. Haudmont was completely demolished by shell fire, could give no support to the German formations which fell back upon it in disorder. All the woods north of the work were occupied by the French, who pushed on as far as the village of Bezonvaux.

Everywhere the French had shown splendid form and nothing could stop them. Nothing went wrong to interfere with their plans.

U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT ABANDONED BY CREW

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The United States army transport Summer which grounded off Barnegat, N. J., Sunday night on the way to this port from Colon, was abandoned by her crew early today. Heavy seas driven by a northerly wind caused the transport to pound heavily on the shoal and shortly after midnight the vessel heeled so rapidly that the pumps and wireless were put out of commission.

Capt. Webber and some members of the crew left the boat were taken off by boats from the coast guard cutter Seneca and the Barnegat, coast guard station. The others of the crew were brought ashore last night by the transport Kelpatank.

It was learned later that only two boatloads of the Summer's crew had left the vessel. A call was sent to Barnegat for lifeboats to take off the men who remained on the transport.

A German prize crew, fled their brief in the supreme court yesterday, contending that under the Prussian-American treaty the vessel became German property, entitled to asylum in American waters when she was captured from her British master. Arguments will be heard Jan. 5.

German Claimants of British Steamer, Captured by Raider, Appear in Federal Supreme Court.

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BAY STATE TO DISPOSE OF MOUNTAIN ROCK PARK

Special to The Sun
STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 16.—In an order issued yesterday, the public service commissioners approve the request of the Bay State Street Railway company, that it be allowed to dispose of certain of its pleasure resorts, a request which was recently the subject of a public hearing before the commission. The order is as follows:
"Following the findings in the Bay State street railway rate case, decided Aug. 31, 1916, in which the commission suggested, under the heading 'United Real Estate,' that it seemed probable that some of the park property owned by the company could be sold to advantage, on Oct. 9, 1916, filed with the commission a petition requesting approval of the sale of certain pleasure resorts located in the towns of Freetown, Dighton, Westwood, Methuen and Tyngsboro and in the city of Gloucester, which have, in its opinion, ceased to be useful or valuable in connection with its railway business. A public hearing was held on the petition on Nov. 21, 1916.
After consideration, it is Ordered, that under the provisions of chapter 452 of the acts of 1906, section 34, part III, as amended by chapter 153 of the general acts of 1915, the approval of the commission be hereby given to the sale by the Bay State Street Railway company of certain parcels of land, including buildings thereon and appurtenances thereto, acquired and held by said company as pleasure resorts, as follows:
Lakewood park in Freetown.
Dighton Rock park in Dighton.
Westwood park in Westwood.
Glen Forest park in Methuen.
Mountain Rock park in Tyngsboro.
Long beach resort in Gloucester.
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BANDITS CAUSE THEATRE PANIC AT WORCESTER TAKE \$326

WORCESTER, Dec. 16.—In a most sensational robbery, three men looted the box office of the Plaza theatre on Front street last night of \$326. The receipts of the night from Mrs. Anna Trahan, the ticket seller, at the point of a revolver. After firing a bullet at Thomas McDonald, a theatre attraction, they escaped through a side door into an alley leading into Mechanic street. The men ran through North street into Foster street and then into Cypress street, where they encountered Police Patrolman Albert R. Murphy, who succeeded in arresting one of the trio, James Cronin, aged 22, of Worcester. The others got away.
The yelling of Mrs. Trahan, followed by the revolver shot, threw the patrons of the house into a panic, and many of them dashed for the entrance while a few climbed over the footlights to the stage and escaped through the stage door. Miss Bessie Lester, who occupied the stage at the time, continued singing in an effort to quiet

the audience and the other attendants of the house succeeded after a few minutes in restoring calm.
Mrs. Trahan had placed the receipts in a bag about 9:30 and was about to place the money in the office safe when the three men forced their way into the box office.
One of them pointed a revolver into her face and grabbed the bag of money. As they started to get out of the office she began screaming and gave chase, catching one by the belt of his coat and tearing it off. A second man lost his hat. They ran into the foyer where McDonald was sweeping the floor.
As McDonald started to intercept them the man with the revolver fired just as McDonald swung on his face with the broom handle. The blow caused the shot to go wild and the bullet lodged in the ceiling. With the blood streaming from a three-inch cut over the left eye, the man was helped out by his comrades into the alley, and then came their run through the back streets.
On Cypress street Officer Murphy tried to stop them. The bleeding man was so groggy from the effects to the blow he could not get away, but the other two escaped. Officer Murphy took his prisoner to Police Headquarters where he gave the name of James Cronin and Worcester as his home, but he would not give the street and number.
He was later identified by McDonald as the man who fired the revolver and the police also identified him as a probationer on a charge of larceny last October. Cronin told the police he does not know the names of his pals. He says he met them a few days ago in Norwich. Some articles of jewelry were found in his pockets. The police believe he and his pals are the men who robbed Leckert's jewelry store at 524 Main street last night of \$700 worth of jewelry.

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LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER OLD AGE PENSIONS 11 COAL LADEN FREIGHT CARS DERAILED

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STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 16.—A bill providing for the establishment of a system of non-contributory old age pensions will be submitted to the legislature by the special commission which has been considering social insurance problems during the summer and fall. The commission consists of six members of the last legislature—two senators and four representatives—and three members appointed by Governor McCall.
On the question of reporting such a bill, the commission is understood to have decided favorably to its passage. It is expected to be introduced in the legislature by Senator John D. Meade of Brockton and Edward Lawrence Spencer of Cambridge, the commissioners appointed by Governor McCall. Rep. John K. Fowler of Woburn is a republican, all of whom are republicans. Of these, Meade, Spencer and Fowler are to be members of the 1917 legislature.
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more than that the conference have held between the Brotherhood men and the railroad officials," said Mr. Holden. "The meetings have been of a purely informal nature, and to date there has been no suggestion of an ultimate adjustment."



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CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—E. H. Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad who was chairman of the committee of railroad executives which met President Wilson and the Brotherhood officials in Washington last summer when a railroad strike was threatened, today continued reports that informal con-

ferences had been held by railroad representatives with Brotherhood officials concerning a settlement out of court of the controversy between the railroad and their employees.
W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, also announced at Evansville, Ind., last night that negotiations are under way between leaders of the four brotherhoods and operating officials of several railroads looking to a settlement of the current controversy before Jan. 1, when the Adamson law is to go into effect.
Both Mr. Lee and Mr. Holden said, however, that the discussions had not progressed far enough to suggest a basis for a permanent settlement. "I don't feel that I can say much

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BAKERS AND GROCERS ARE FACING PROSECUTION

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STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 16.—One hundred bakers and three hundred grocers in Massachusetts are facing prosecution on charges of selling bread which was under weight, or of selling bread in packages which were falsely marked, as a result of the investigation which has been carried on for several weeks under the direction of the state commissioner of weights and measures.
None of the accused men are doing business in Lowell, however, the commissioner's force having been so busy in other parts of the state that it has not yet had opportunity to secure and test samples of bread in that city.
Under the law, each baker and grocer against whom complaint is made must be given a hearing before the actual prosecution may be begun. The state commissioner has decided that immediately after the New Year he will have the local sealer in each place where there is alleged to have been a violation of the law issue a summons for each baker or grocer accused, compelling him to appear before the commissioner and show cause, if any, why he should not be prosecuted. For the bakers, there appears to be no escape from prosecution, but the law provides that a grocer shall not be prosecuted if he has a "guaranty signed by the wholesaler, jobber, manufacturer, dealer or other person from whom he purchased such articles to the effect that the same are correctly marked or labeled within the meaning of this act."
The prosecutions are the result of a widespread inquiry into the high cost of living made by the commissioner. A large corps of inspectors was sent out into each of eight districts into which the state was divided, and as a result of their efforts violations of law are charged against five bakers in the Boston district, 14 in the Beverly district, six in the Greenfield district, 21 in the Springfield district, 12 in the Fitchburg district, eight in the Brockton district, and 20 in the Worcester district. Of the grocers caught in the dragnet, there are 44 in the Worcester district, 49 in the Boston district, 32 in the Beverly district, 22 in the Fitchburg district, 32 in the Springfield district, 24 in the Greenfield district, 30 in the Brockton district and 15 in the New Bedford district.
In his report, issued yesterday, the commissioner states that the bread laws of the state are defective in one important respect, because while they establish two pounds as the unit weight for bread, they permit it to be sold in three-quarters, half and quarter loaves. Consequently, when bakers came to the conclusion that it was desirable to raise the price of their product, they reduced slightly the weight of what had been their three-quarter loaf and called it a half loaf. "By this simple expedient," he says, "bread which was actually de-

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